

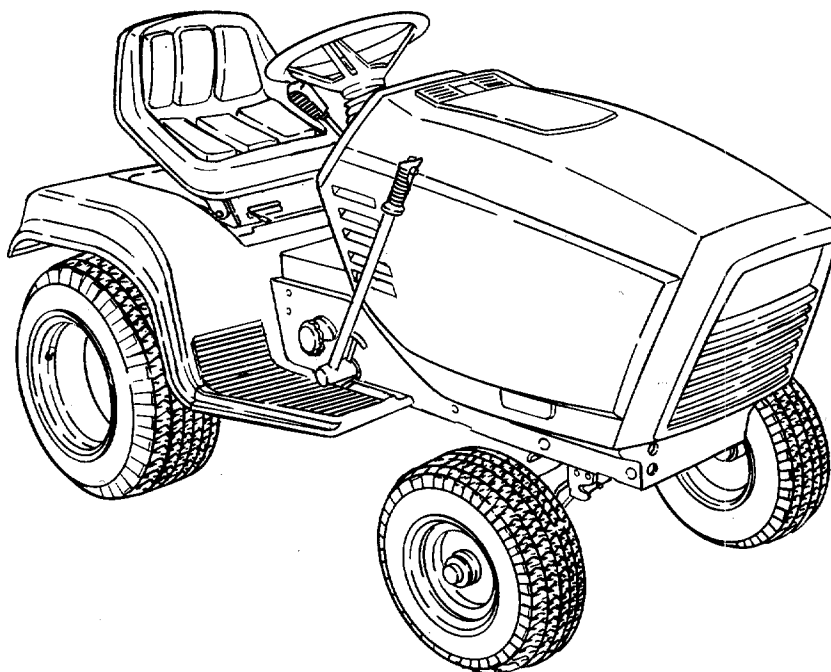
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**Power Equipment**

# Owner's Manual

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## GARDEN TRACTOR



**Model Number  
1340**

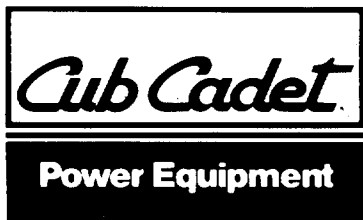
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Read Safety Rules and Instructions Carefully**

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## LIMITED WARRANTY

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Proper maintenance of your Cub Cadet equipment is the owner's responsibility. Follow the instructions in your owner's manual for correct lubricants and maintenance schedule. Your Cub Cadet dealer carries a complete line of quality lubricants and filters for your equipments engine, transmission, chassis and attachments.

**RIDING MOWERS, LAWN TRACTORS, GARDEN TRACTORS, CUB CADET ATTACHMENTS AND HOME MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS.**

### FIRST YEAR

This limited warranty for residential and commercial users, covers any defect in material or workmanship in your Cub Cadet equipment for one year from the date of purchase for the first user purchaser.

Batteries have a one year prorated limited warranty with 100% replacement during the first three months.

We will replace or repair any part or parts without charge through your authorized Cub Cadet dealer.

### SECOND YEAR

This limited warranty, for residential users only, covers any defects in material or workmanship in the drive train for two years from the date of purchase for the first user purchaser.

The drive train consists of the engine, engine cradle, drive shaft, drive shaft clutch, all parts enclosed by the transmission housing, rear axle housing, brakes and electric power take off (if so equipped). V-belts used for either the traction drive or any attachments are covered for one year only.

### ITEMS NOT COVERED

The warranty does not cover routine maintenance items such as lubricants, filters (oil, fuel, air and hydraulic), cleaning, tuneups, brake and/or clutch inspection, adjustments made as part of normal maintenance, blade sharpening, set-up, abuse, accidents and normal wear. It does not cover incidental costs such as transporting your equipment to and from the dealer, telephone charges or renting a product temporarily to replace a warranted product.

There is no other express warranty.

### HOW TO OBTAIN SERVICE

Contact your authorized Cub Cadet servicing dealer who sold you your Cub Cadet equipment. If this dealer is not available see the Consumer Yellow Pages under "lawn mowers" for the name of a dealer near you.

If you need further assistance in finding an authorized Cub Cadet servicing dealer, write or telephone:

Cub Cadet Corporation      Telephone: (216) 273-4550  
Post Office Box 360930  
Cleveland, Ohio 44136  
Attn: Customer Service

### HOW DOES STATE LAW APPLY?

This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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Instructions given with this symbol are for personal safety. Be sure to follow them.



## WARNING

This unit is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

In the State of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. A spark arrester muffler is available at your nearest engine authorized service center.

# IMPORTANT

## RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION



THIS SYMBOL POINTS OUT IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH, IF NOT FOLLOWED, COULD ENDANGER THE PERSONAL SAFETY AND/OR PROPERTY OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS. READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE YOUR UNIT. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY. WHEN YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL –



HEED ITS WARNING.



## WARNING

Your unit was built to be operated according to the rules for safe operation in this manual. As with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in serious injury. If you violate any of these rules, you may cause serious injury to yourself or others.

1. READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL carefully in its entirety before attempting to assemble or operate this unit. Keep this manual in a safe place for future and regular reference and for ordering replacement parts.
2. This unit is a precision piece of power equipment, not a plaything. Therefore, exercise extreme caution at all times.
3. Know the controls and how to stop the machine quickly.

4. Do not allow children to operate vehicle. Do not allow adults to operate it without proper instruction. Only persons well acquainted with these rules of safe operation should be allowed to use your mower.
5. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and close-fitting slacks and shirts to avoid entanglement in the moving parts. Never operate a unit in bare feet, sandals, or sneakers.
6. To prevent injury, do not carry passengers or give rides. Keep children, pets and bystanders out of the area while mowing. Only the operator should ride on the unit and he/she should ride only in the seat.
7. Check overhead clearance carefully before driving under power lines, guy wires, bridges or low hanging tree branches; before entering or leaving buildings, or in any other situation where the operator may be struck or pulled from the unit, which could result in serious injury.
8. To maintain control of the unit and reduce the possibility of upset or collision, operate the tractor smoothly. Avoid erratic operation and excessive speed.
9. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets. Stop engine when they are in the vicinity of your mower. Although the area of operation should be completely cleared of foreign objects, a small object may have been overlooked and could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause injury to you or a bystander.
10. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields during operation or while performing an adjustment or repair, to protect eyes from foreign objects that may be thrown from the machine in any direction.
11. Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drives, walks or roads.
12. Disengage all attachment clutches and shift into neutral before attempting to start engine.
13. Before leaving the operator's position, disengage blades, place shift lever in neutral, engage parking brake, shut engine off and remove key.
14. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Stay clear of the discharge opening at all times as the rotating blade(s) can cause injury.
15. Disengage power to attachment(s) and stop engine before making any repairs or adjustments. Disconnect the spark plug wire(s) and keep the wire(s) away from the plug(s) to prevent accidental starting.
16. Before attempting to unclog the mower or discharge chute, stop the engine. The mower blade(s) may continue to rotate for a few seconds after the engine is shut off. Therefore, be sure the blade(s) have stopped completely. Disconnect the spark plug wire(s) and keep the wire(s) away from the plug(s) to prevent accidental starting.
17. Disengage power to attachment(s) when transporting or not in use.
18. For your safety, use the slope gauge included as part of this manual to measure slopes before operating this unit on a sloped or hilly area. If the slope is greater than 15° as shown on the slope gauge, do not operate this unit on that area or serious injury could result.
19. Do not stop or start suddenly when going uphill or downhill. Mow up and down face of steep slopes; never across the face. Use extreme caution if it is necessary to drive the tractor up an incline or back the tractor down an incline because the front of the tractor could lift and rapidly flip over backward which could cause serious injury.
20. Reduce speed on slopes and in sharp turns to prevent tipping or loss of control. Always keep the tractor in low gear when going down steep hills to take advantage of engine braking action. Choose a low enough gear so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope.
21. Stay alert for holes in terrain and other hidden hazards which may cause the unit to tip over.
22. Use care when pulling loads or using heavy equipment.
  - A. Use only approved drawbar hitch points.
  - B. Limit loads to those you can safely control.
  - C. Do not turn sharply. Use care when backing.
  - D. Use counterweight(s) or wheel weights when suggested in owner's manual.
23. Watch out for traffic when crossing or near roadways.
24. When using any attachments, never direct discharge of material toward bystanders nor allow anyone near vehicle while in operation.
25. Handle fuel with care. It is highly flammable.
  - A. Use approved fuel container.
  - B. Never remove cap or add fuel to a running or hot engine or fill fuel tank indoors. Wipe up spilled fuel. Always use original type vented cap.

- C. Open doors if engine is run in garage. Exhaust fumes are dangerous. Do not run engine indoors.
26. Never store the machine with fuel in the fuel tank inside a building where ignition sources are present, such as hot water and space heaters, clothes dryers, and the like. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
27. To reduce fire hazard, keep engine and cutting deck free of grass, leaves or excessive grease.
28. Keep the vehicle and attachments in good operating condition, and keep safety devices in place. Use guards as instructed in operator's manual.
29. Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
30. The vehicle and attachments should be stopped and inspected for damage after striking a foreign object. The damage should be repaired before restarting and operating the equipment.
31. Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine.
32. When using the vehicle with mower, proceed as follows:
- A. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- B. Never make a cutting height adjustment while engine is running if operator must dismount to do so.
- C. Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher.
- D. Check blade mounting bolts for proper tightness at frequent intervals.
33. Check grass catcher bags frequently for wear or deterioration. For safety protection, replace only with new bag meeting original equipment specifications.
34. Look behind to make sure the area is clear before placing the transmission in reverse and continue looking behind while backing up. Disengage blades before shifting into reverse and backing up.
35. This unit should not be driven up a ramp onto a trailer or truck under power, because the unit could tip over, causing serious personal injury. The unit must be pushed manually to load properly.
36. Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service according to brake adjustment instructions in this manual.

## PRODUCT GRAPHICS

Keep safety product graphics (decals) clean. Replace any safety graphic that is damaged, destroyed,

missing, painted over or can no longer be read. Replacement safety graphics are available through your dealer.

**BRAKE LOCK**

NOTE: IF THE BRAKE LOCK IS DISENGAGED AND THE OPERATOR LEAVES THE SEAT WHILE THE ENGINE IS RUNNING, THE ENGINE WILL SHUT-OFF.

**LIFT LEVER STOP**

DEPRESS BUTTON TO OPERATE LEVER. ROTATE PIN INTO SLOT FOR LEVER TO FLOAT. CAUTION: WHEN IN FLOAT POSITION, AND ATTACHMENT ENCOUNTERS AN OBSTRUCTION, THE LEVER MAY MOVE RAPIDLY REARWARD.

TO PRESET LIFT LEVER HEIGHT: HIGH, LOW, LIFT LEVER, LOCKING KNOB

**IGNITION**

OFF, ON-LIGHTS, ON, START

**PTO**

OFF, START, RUN

PTO SWITCH MUST BE IN OFF POSITION BEFORE STARTING UNIT, AND BEFORE SHIFTING TRACTOR INTO REVERSE.

TO START THE FRONT PTO: PULL KNOB OUT AND LIFT UP. (NOTE: KNOB WILL RETRACT INTO RUN POSITION.)

POSITION AT WHICH PTO WILL RUN IF STARTING PROCEDURE HAS BEEN COMPLETED. (NOTE: IF PTO IS RUNNING AND UNIT IS SHIFTED INTO REVERSE OR OPERATOR LEAVES THE SEAT, THE PTO WILL DISENGAGE. TO REACTIVATE PTO, PULL KNOB OUT AND LIFT UP INTO START POSITION.)

**CAUTION**

LOOK! BEFORE BACKING

**RECEIVE INSTRUCTION:** — Read operator's manual. Learn to operate this machine SAFELY. Don't risk INJURY or DEATH.

- Before starting engine or operation:  
Be familiar with controls.  
Be in operator's position with speed control lever in neutral, PTO switch OFF, and brake depressed.
- Keep shields in place. Keep away from moving parts.
- NO RIDERS! Keep all people and pets a safe distance away.
- Don't point mower discharge at people.
- Avoid slopes. Tractors can be rolled over.
- Before leaving operator's position:  
Shut off PTO. Place speed control lever in neutral. Set brake lock.  
Shut off engine. Remove ignition key. Wait for all movement to stop before servicing or cleaning.
- Do not fill gasoline tank when engine is running or while engine is hot. Tighten cap securely.

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GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS CAUTION —  
LOCATED ON THE FRAME COVER

# TO THE OWNER

Assembled in this manual are operation, lubrication and maintenance instructions for the *Cub Cadet* 1340 Tractor. The material has been prepared in detail to help you better understand the correct care and efficient operation of your tractor. Before you operate the tractor, study this manual carefully. Additional copies may be ordered from your dealer at a nominal price.

Your local authorized dealer is interested in the performance you receive from your tractor. He has factory-trained servicemen, informed in the latest method of servicing tractors, modern tools and original-equipment service parts which assure proper fit and good performance.



## CAUTION

DO NOT TOW Tractor. Towing or pushing the tractor for more than a few feet may damage the hydrostatic drive unit.

The *Cub Cadet* 1340 Tractor has a hydrostatic drive unit and will require minimum service if recommended operation and maintenance procedures are followed.

To obtain top performance and assure economical operation the tractor should be inspected, depending on its use, periodically, or at least once a year, by your authorized dealer.

When in need of parts, always specify the model, chassis and engine serial numbers, including the prefix and suffix letters. Write these serial numbers in the space provided on this page.

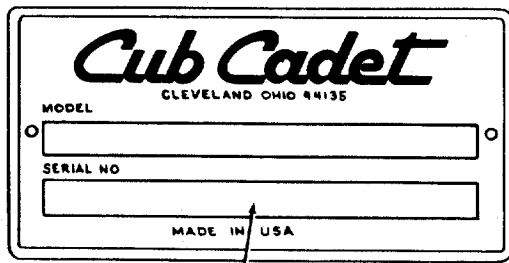
Should you have difficulties with the unit, consult your authorized dealer. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU ATTEMPT TO SERVICE THESE UNITS YOURSELF. Only your dealer is authorized to repair or replace units on this drive under the terms of the warranty. Should you desire additional information not found in this manual, contact your authorized *Cub Cadet* dealer.

## SERIAL NUMBER LOCATION



## NOTE

LEFT and RIGHT indicate the left and right sides of the tractor when facing forward in the driver's seat. Reference to FRONT indicates grille end of the tractor; to REAR, the drawbar end.



CHASSIS SERIAL NUMBER

Figure 1

Chassis serial number plate is located near left rear fender. (See Figure 1.)

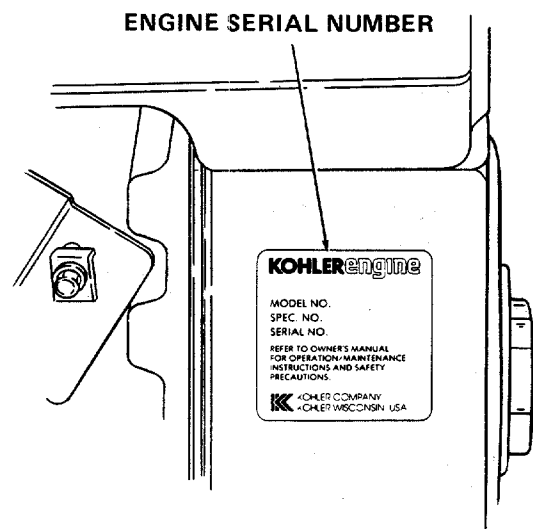


Figure 2

MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

DELIVERY DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION I. CONTROLS

Your *Cub Cadet* Tractor has been safety engineered. Thoroughly acquaint yourself with all the instruments

and controls before attempting to start or operate the tractor.

- A. Low Oil Indicator
- B. Low Fuel Indicator
- C. Amp Indicator
- D. Hour Meter
- E. Reverse "R" Indicator
- F. Disengage PTO Indicator
- G. Depress Left Pedal Indicator
- H. Speed Control Lever
- I. Lift Handle
- J. Lift Height Indicator
- K. Cam Lock Knob
- L. Ignition/Light Switch
- M. Tilt Wheel Release Lever
- N. Choke Control
- O. Seat Adjustment Lever (Not Shown)
- P. Brake Lock
- Q. Brake Pedal
- R. Throttle Control Lever
- S. Front Power Take-Off (PTO) Control Switch
- T. Fuse (Not Shown)
- U. Safety Interlock Switches (Not Shown)

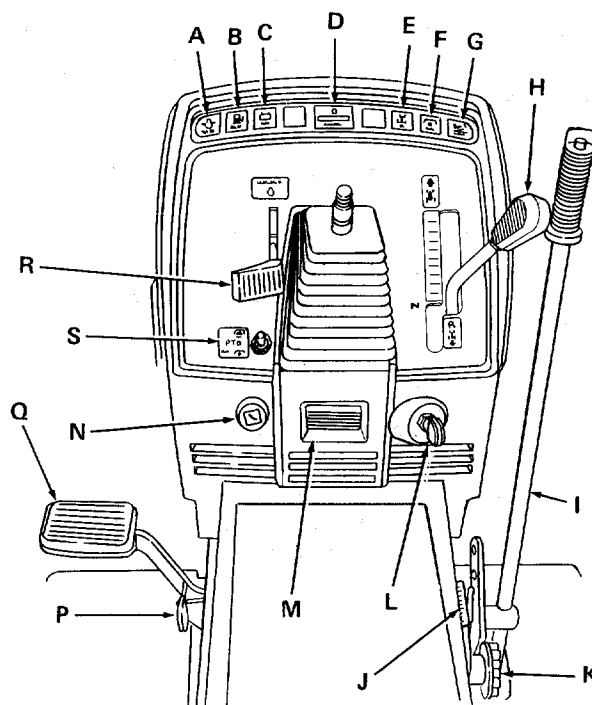


Figure 3

### A. LOW OIL INDICATOR

This indicator will illuminate when the oil level is low.



### CAUTION

When "LOW OIL" indicator illuminates, stop the tractor and check the oil level. Continuing to operate the tractor could result in severe damage to the engine.

### B. LOW FUEL INDICATOR

This indicator will illuminate when the fuel level in the fuel tank is low.

### C. AMP INDICATOR

This indicator will illuminate when a problem exists with the charging system or the battery. If this indicator illuminates, stop the tractor and contact your *Cub Cadet* Dealer.

### D. HOUR METER

The hour meter indicates the actual hours of engine operation. This enables the operator to determine when lubrication, change of oil or periodic inspections are necessary. It also provides a means of computing cost of specific jobs. The hour meter operates whenever the engine is running or the ignition key is in the "ON" position.

### E. REVERSE "R" INDICATOR

This indicator is illuminated when the tractor is in reverse. The reverse "R" indicator must be off before the tractor can be started.

### F. DISENGAGE PTO INDICATOR

This indicator will illuminate if an attempt is made to start the tractor with the PTO switch engaged. This indicator must be off before the tractor can be started. When starting the tractor, this indicator will briefly flash.



### G. DEPRESS LEFT PEDAL INDICATOR

This indicator will illuminate when an attempt is made to start the tractor with the brake pedal not fully depressed.

### H. SPEED CONTROL LEVER



Do not rest your foot on the brake pedal while driving the tractor as this would cause the speed control lever to return to the "N" position.

The lever is used to select any speed from a standstill "N" position to eight miles per hour in the forward direction and four miles per hour in the reverse direction.

Moving the speed control lever forward provides increased forward speed, and moving the lever rearward provides the reverse speeds. (See Figure 3.)

### I. LIFT HANDLE

The lift handle is used to lift or lower equipment used with the tractor. The equipment can be set in multiple positions by depressing the button on the handle and releasing it when the desired position is reached.

An additional feature has been provided to give increased float capability to the deck by depressing the button and rotating the pin into the slot as shown in Figure 4.

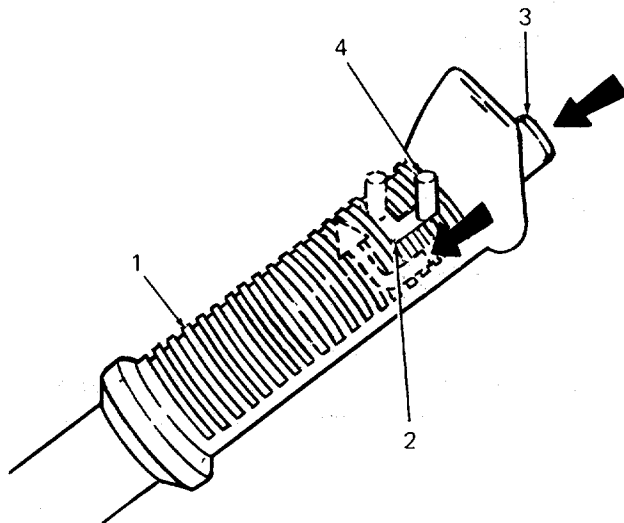


Figure 4

1. Lift Handle
2. Slot
3. Button
4. Pin

### J. LIFT HEIGHT INDICATOR

The lift height indicator will indicate the height of deck attachment when installed. (See Figure 5).

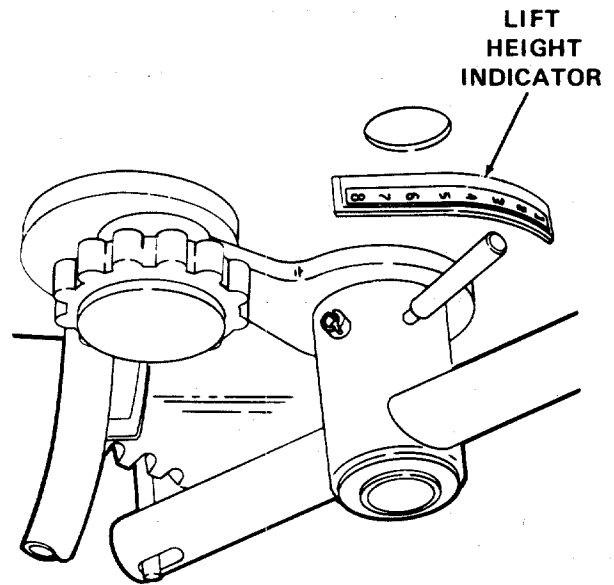


Figure 5

### K. CAM LOCK KNOB

The cam stop may be adjusted to allow the implement to return to a single height. (See Figure 6.)

With the implement in a desired height position, release cam stop by turning locking knob counter-clockwise. Turn cam stop until it contacts lift bracket.

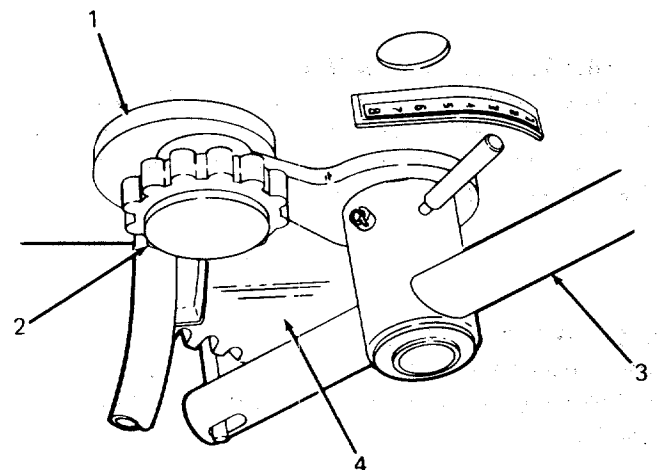


Figure 6

1. Cam Stop
2. Locking Knob
3. Lift Handle
4. Lift Bracket

on lift handle. Lock cam stop into this position by turning cam knob clockwise.



Refer to the equipment manual for proper hitching instructions.

#### L. IGNITION/LIGHT SWITCH



Remove the key from the tractor when the tractor is not in use to prevent accidental starting and battery discharge.

The combination lights and ignition switch is a four-position switch. (See Figure 7.)

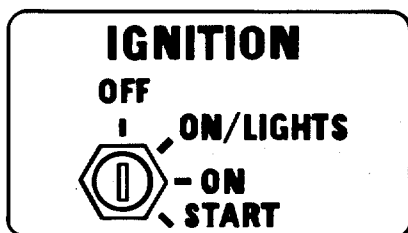


Figure 7

#### M. TILT WHEEL RELEASE LEVER

The tilt wheel release lever is used to adjust the steering wheel forward away from the operator or rearward towards the operator. Refer to **ADJUSTING THE STEERING WHEEL** in Section III.

#### N. CHOKE CONTROL

The choke control is operated manually. Pull knob out to choke engine. Push knob in to open choke. (See Figure 3.)

#### O. SEAT ADJUSTMENT LEVER

The seat adjustment lever is used to move the seat forward or rearward. Refer to **ADJUSTING THE SEAT** in Section III.

#### P. BRAKE LOCK



The hydrostatic transmission will not hold the tractor on a hill. In a short period of time (depending on the steepness of the hill) the oil will drain from the transmission and allow the tractor to roll downhill. To avoid an accident and/or possible injury, lock the brake.

Always engage the brake lock when dismounting the tractor. To lock the brake, depress brake pedal and place the brake lock in the engaged position. (See Figure 8.) To disengage the lock, press down on the pedal, lift the lock up and place it in the disengaged position.

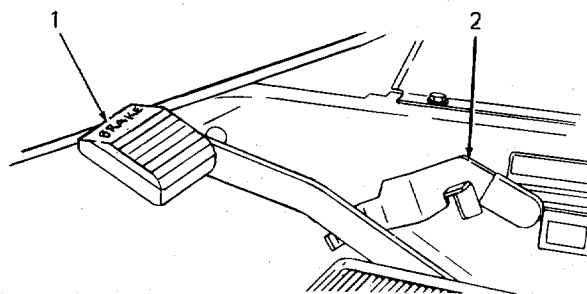


Figure 8

1. Brake Pedal
2. Brake Lock

#### Q. BRAKE PEDAL



Do not rest your foot on the brake pedal while driving the tractor as this would cause the speed control lever to return to the "N" position.

Brake pedal must be pressed all the way down to activate the safety starting switch. When brake pedal is in the depressed position, it automatically moves the speed control lever to the "N" position if the linkage is properly adjusted. (See Figure 3.)

## R. THROTTLE CONTROL LEVER

This lever controls the speed of the engine. When set in a given position, it will maintain a uniform engine speed. (See Figure 3.)



When using power take-off operated equipment, best performance is achieved with the throttle lever in the "FAST" position.



This symbol shows slow position.



This symbol shows fast position.

## S. FRONT POWER TAKE-OFF (PTO) CONTROL SWITCH

The power take-off (PTO) control switch, which is located on the left side of the instrument panel (see Figure 3), operates an electric clutch. This electric clutch controls the engagement ("RUN") or disengagement ("OFF") of the front PTO.

## T. FUSE

The fuse is located under the hood on the left side of the engine compartment. It is installed to protect the tractor's electrical circuitry and components from damage caused by excessive amperage overload. (See Figure 9).

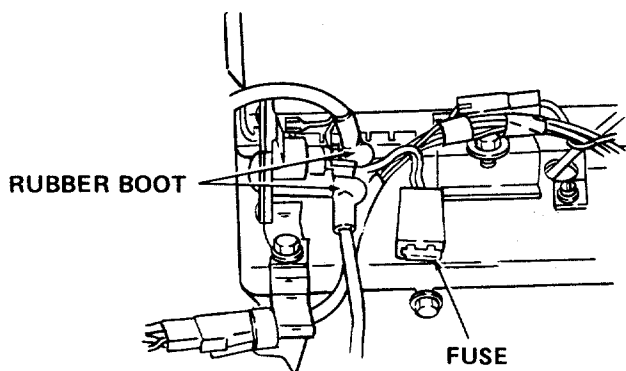


Figure 9

## U. SAFETY INTERLOCK SWITCHES

This tractor is equipped with a safety interlock system for the protection of the operator. If the interlock system should ever malfunction, do not operate the tractor. Contact your authorized *Cub Cadet* Dealer.

The safety interlock system prevents the engine from cranking or starting unless the brake pedal is fully depressed, and the PTO switch is in the "OFF" position.

The safety interlock system will automatically shut off the engine if the operator leaves the seat before engaging the brake lock.

The safety interlock system will automatically disengage the PTO if the operator leaves the seat with the PTO in the "RUN" position, or the unit is shifted into reverse with the PTO in the "RUN" position. To reengage the PTO, shift into neutral ("N"), move the PTO switch into the "OFF" position and then engage the PTO while seated.

## FUEL TANK

The fuel tank is located in the rear of the tractor. The fuel tank filler cap is located on the left rear fender. The main fuel shut-off valves are located on the bottom (left and right sides) of the tank. These valves control the flow of fuel to the engine. To open the valves turn the knobs counterclockwise until they stop. To close the valves, turn the knobs clockwise until they are tight. (See Figure 10.)

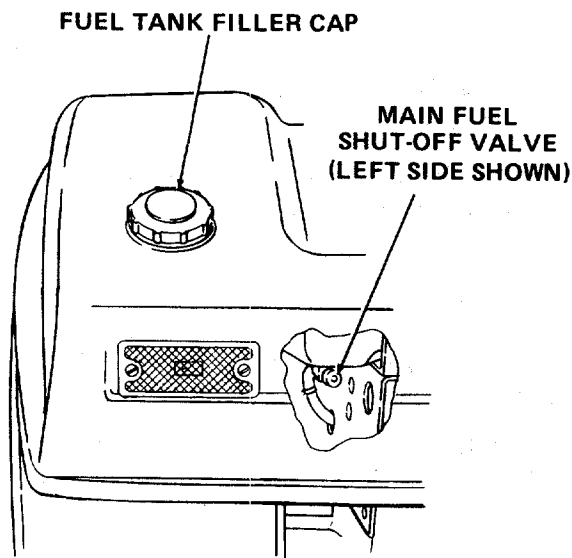


Figure 10

## HOOD AND SIDE PANELS

The tractor hood is arranged to swing up and forward for easy access to the engine compartment. (See Figure 11.) Whenever engine maintenance is required, the side panels can be removed.

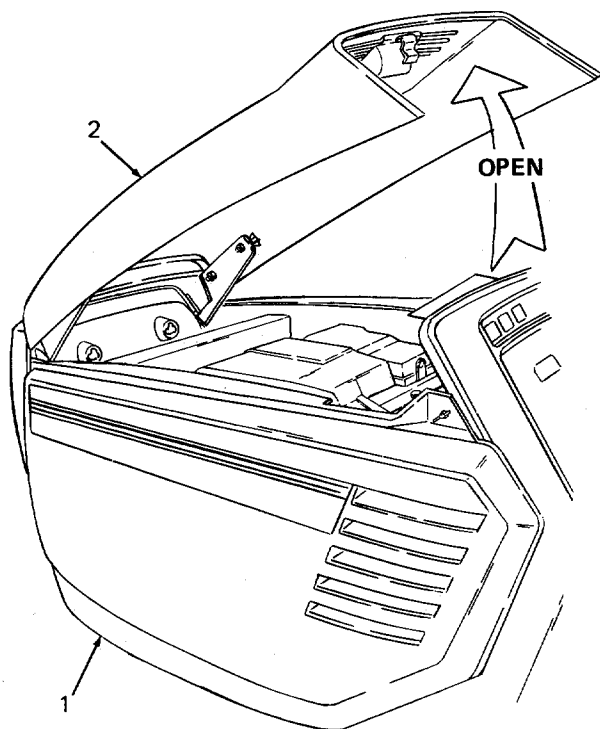


Figure 11

1. Side Panel (One On Each Side)
2. Hood



### WARNING

If engine is hot, use caution not to burn yourself when removing the side panels.

To remove either right or left side panel, proceed as follows: Engage the brake lock. Raise the hood. Refer to Figure 12 and at rear of side panel remove wing nut and flat washer.

Remove front snaps by applying pressure to side of grille and gently pulling on side panel until snaps pop out of grille side flange. (See Figure 13.)



### NOTE

Be sure both top and bottom snaps have popped out.

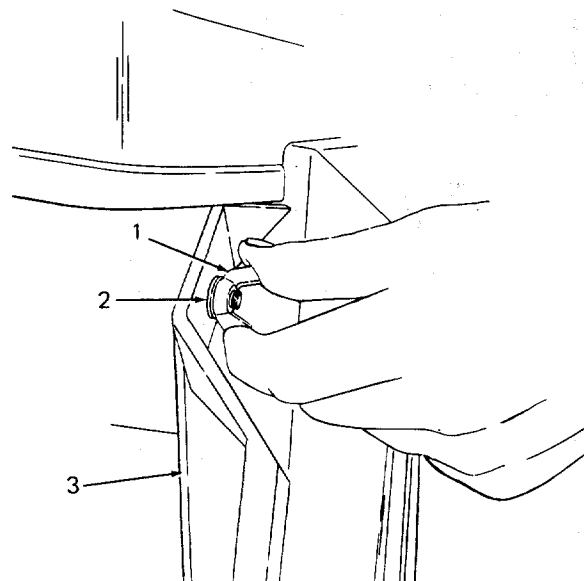


Figure 12

1. Wing Nut
2. Flat Washer
3. Side Panel

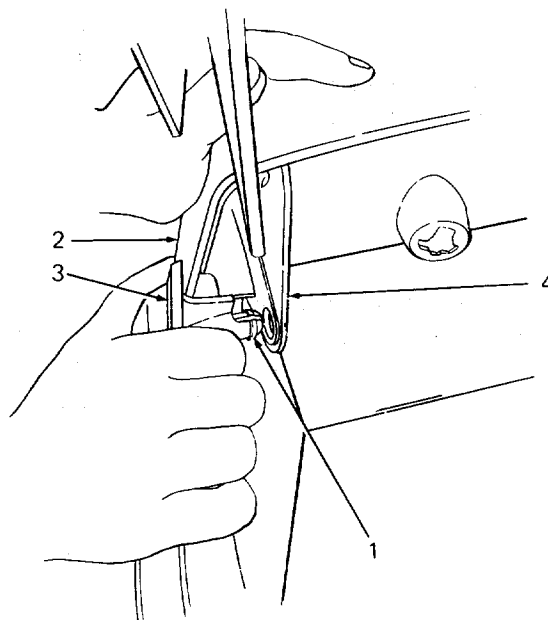


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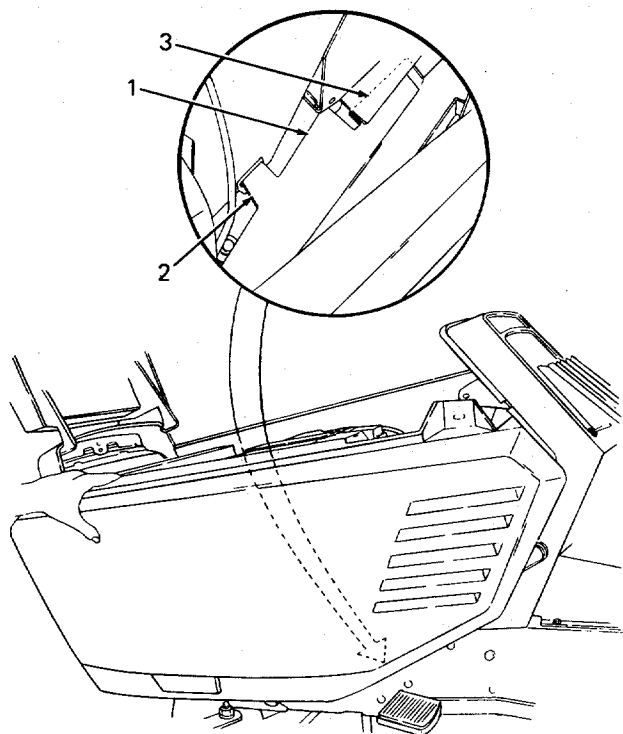
1. Snap
2. Grille
3. Side Panel
4. Grille Side Flange

See Figure 14 and locate lock tab and dash panel lock.

To remove lock tab, (A) gently pull front of side panel towards you and (B) pull up. Then (C) slide side panel

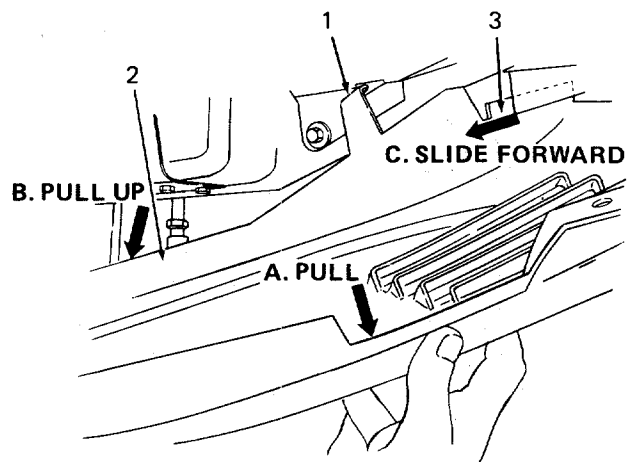
forward to disengage dash panel lock. (Refer to Figure 15.)

Installation of either side panel is exactly the reverse of removal. After inserting snaps at front of panel into grille side flange holes, make sure upper front corner of side panel is inside of lip on grille as shown in Figure 16.



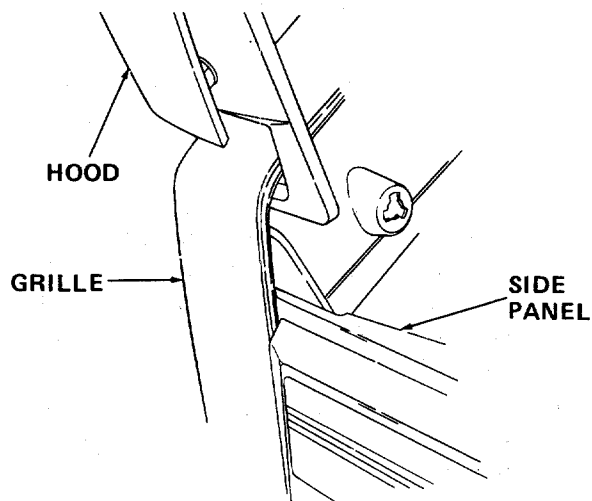
**Figure 14**

- 1. Side Panel
- 2. Lock Tab
- 3. Dash Panel Lock



**Figure 15**

- 1. Lock Tab
- 2. Side Panel
- 3. Dash Panel Lock



**Figure 16**

## SECTION II. OPERATION



### WARNING

RECEIVE INSTRUCTION - Read operator's manual. Learn to operate this machine SAFELY. Don't risk INJURY or DEATH.

1. Before starting engine or operation: Be familiar with controls. Be in operator's position with speed control lever in neutral, PTO turned off and brake depressed.
2. Keep shields in place. Keep away from moving parts.
3. NO RIDERS! Keep all people and pets a safe distance away. Look before backing up.
4. Don't point mower discharge at people.
5. Avoid slopes. Tractors can be rolled over.
6. Before leaving operator's position: Shut off PTO. Place speed control lever in neutral. Engage brake lock. Shut off engine. Remove ignition key. Wait for all movement to stop before servicing or cleaning.
7. Do not fill gasoline tank when engine is running or while engine is hot. Tighten cap securely.
8. Remove the side panels and clean any accumulated grass and debris from the intake fan on engine.
9. Make certain that the backside of the grille insert is clean and unobstructed. Push down on the top of the grille insert and pull forward as shown in Figure 17. Lift the grille insert up removing the tabs from the bottom of the grille housing. Remove by hand any accumulated grass and debris.
10. Refer to various sections of the Owner's Manual for additional information.

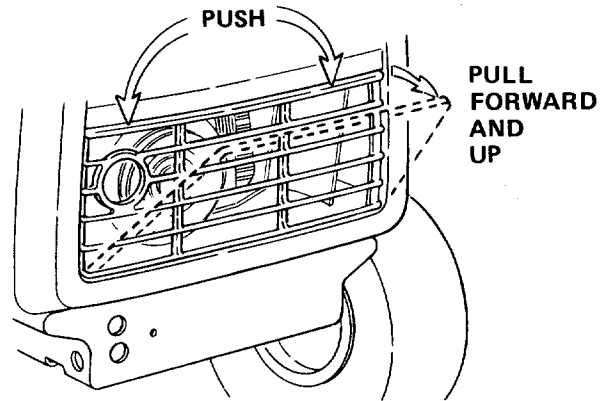


Figure 17

### BEFORE OPERATING YOUR TRACTOR

1. Before you operate the tractor study this manual carefully. It has been prepared to help you operate and maintain your tractor with utmost efficiency.
2. Familiarize yourself with the operation of all the instruments and controls.
3. Fill the tank with either lead-free, low-lead or regular gasoline. Make sure before you fill the tank that the gasoline is clean and fresh.
4. Check the engine and transmission oil levels.
5. Clean the air cleaner element if necessary.
6. Check the tire inflation pressures.
7. Adjust the seat and steering wheel for operator's maximum comfort, visibility and complete control of the tractor.

### STARTING THE ENGINE



### WARNING

Do not operate tractor if the interlock system is malfunctioning. It is a safety device designed for protection of the operator.



### WARNING

Operator must be seated before starting the tractor.



### NOTE

This tractor is equipped with a safety interlock system for the protection of the operator.

The safety interlock system prevents the engine from cranking or starting unless the

brake pedal is fully depressed, and the PTO engagement switch is in the "OFF" position.

The safety interlock system will automatically shut off the engine if the operator leaves the seat before engaging the brake lock.

## ➔ NOTE

The safety interlock system will automatically disengage the PTO if the operator leaves the seat with the PTO in the "RUN" position, or the unit is shifted into reverse with the PTO in the "RUN" position. To reengage the PTO, shift into neutral ("N"), move the PTO switch into the "OFF" position and then engage the PTO while seated.

1. Operator must be seated.
2. Pull choke control knob to full choke position. Less choking may be necessary due to variations in temperature, grade of fuel, etc. Little or no choking will be needed when the engine is warm.
3. Place the throttle midway between the "SLOW" and "FAST" position.
4. Place the PTO switch in the "OFF" position.
5. Place the speed control lever in neutral ("N").
6. Fully depress the brake pedal.

## ➔ NOTE

The speed control lever will automatically return to neutral when the brake pedal is pressed all the way down, and the linkage is properly adjusted.

7. Turn the ignition key clockwise to the "START" position and release it as soon as the engine starts; however do not operate the starter for more than 10 seconds at any one time. If the engine does not start within this time, turn the key "OFF" and wait a few minutes, then try again.
8. After the engine starts, slowly release the brake pedal and gradually push the choke control knob all the way in. Do not use the choke to enrich the fuel mixture, except as necessary to start the engine.

## STOPPING THE ENGINE



### CAUTION

Remove the key to prevent accidental starting and battery discharge if equipment is left unattended.

Move the throttle lever to the "SLOW" position and allow the engine to idle for a short time before stopping. Then turn the key to the "OFF" position. Remove key from ignition switch.

## TRACTOR BREAK-IN PROCEDURE



### CAUTION

Never operate a new engine immediately under full load. Break it in carefully as shown in the table below.

Period	Engine Throttle Control Lever Position			Load
	½	¾	Full	
1st hour		X		None
2 hour	X		X	Light drawbar load or Mowing with tractor at slow speed
3rd through 13th hour		X	X	Medium drawbar load or Normal mowing

## COLD WEATHER STARTING



### WARNING

During operation do not run the engine in confined area such as storage building any longer than is necessary. Immediately move the tractor outside into the air.



### WARNING

Operator must be seated before starting the tractor.

## **NOTE**

In cold weather the starting motor may disengage prematurely. This is caused by the engine firing once but failing to continue running. If this happens several times, the engine will be flooded and it will be necessary to leave the throttle in the "SLOW" position but push the choke in all the way; then turn the ignition key to the "START" position and slowly pull the choke out to the position which will cause the engine to start and continue running. If the engine falters after putting tractor into motion, pull the choke out part way until the engine runs smoothly, then gradually push the choke back in as the engine warms.

Engine starting is possible in cold weather providing the correct weight of engine oil is used, the battery is fully charged, and the proper starting procedure is followed. The best procedure for starting at temperatures near or below freezing are as follows:

1. Operator must be seated.
2. Pull the choke all the way out into the full choke position.
3. Move the throttle lever midway between the "SLOW" and "FAST" position.
4. Place the PTO switch in the "OFF" position.
5. Place the speed control lever in neutral ("N").
6. Fully depress the brake pedal.
7. Move the key switch into the "START" position and hold until the engine starts; however, do not operate the starter for more than 10 seconds at any one time. As soon as the engine starts, slowly push the choke in part way.

## **DRIVING THE TRACTOR**



### **CAUTION**

Avoid sudden starts, excessive speed, and sudden stops.



### **CAUTION**

Do not leave the seat of the tractor without disengaging the PTO, depressing the brake pedal and engaging the brake lock. If leaving the tractor unattended, also turn the ignition key off and remove the key.

## **NOTE**

When using power take-off operated equipment, best performance is achieved with the throttle lever in the "FAST" position.

1. Depress the brake pedal to release the brake lock, and let the pedal up. Move the throttle lever to the position where the engine operates best for the load to be handled.
2. Start the tractor in motion by moving the speed control lever slowly forward or rearward to desired speed.

## **DRIVING ON SLOPES**

(Refer to "SLOPE GAUGE" on page 41 in order to help determine slopes where you may not operate safely.)



### **WARNING**

Do not mow on inclines with a slope in excess of 15 degrees (a rise of approximately 2-1/2 feet every 10 feet). A tractor could overturn and cause serious injury.



### **WARNING**

Operate tractor up and down slopes, never across slopes.



### **CAUTION**

Always drive up or down the face of a slope. Do not drive so that the tractor may tip over sideways.

Before operating the tractor on any slope, walk the slope to look for possible hazards such as rocks, mounds, ruts, stumps or other surface irregularities which could cause an upset.

Back the tractor with implement up the steepest portion of each slope you intend to work. If the tractor cannot negotiate the slope in reverse, the slope is too steep to be worked.

Avoid turns when driving on a slope. If a turn must be made, turn down the slope. Turning up a slope greatly increases the chance of a roll over.



Avoid stopping when driving up a slope. If it is necessary to stop while driving up a slope, start up smoothly and carefully to reduce the possibility of flipping the tractor over backward.

## STOPPING THE TRACTOR



### CAUTION

Always engage brake lock, lower equipment and shut off engine before dismounting. Never try to start engine from ground.

Fully depress the brake pedal. When the tractor has stopped, make sure the speed control lever is in the neutral ("N") position. Before dismounting always disengage the PTO, engage the brake lock and turn the ignition "OFF."

## DRAWBAR

Drawbar equipment must be hitched to the tractor only at the hitch hole in the drawbar. (See Figure 18.)

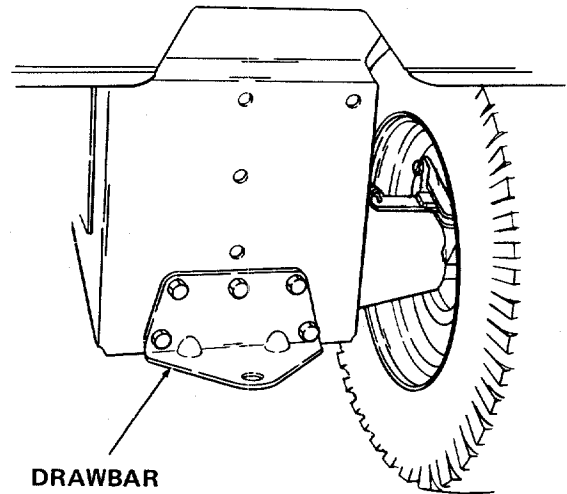


Figure 18

## OPERATING THE FRONT POWER TAKE-OFF (PTO) CLUTCH



### NOTE

Be certain to follow break-in instructions listed below.

1. Move the throttle lever back to the medium or "SLOW" position.
2. Flip the toggle switch to the "RUN" position. (See Figure 19.)
3. Advance throttle to operating speed (full speed).
4. The operator must remain in tractor seat at all times. If operator should leave tractor seat without turning off the power take-off switch, the PTO will automatically disengage.
5. PTO switch must be in the "OFF" (A) position when shifting the tractor into reverse or the PTO

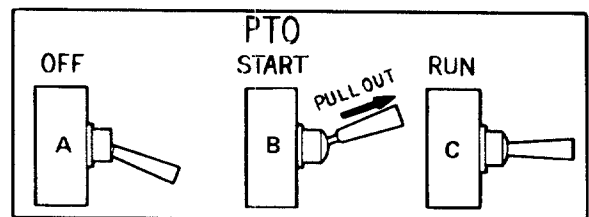


Figure 19

## FRONT PTO CLUTCH BREAK-IN PROCEDURE

To break in the components and increase the life of the clutch assembly, proceed as follows.

1. Attach mowing deck, snow thrower, etc. to the tractor.
2. Adjust the belt tension as recommended in attachment owner's manual.
3. Engage and disengage the PTO ten to fifteen times without any load (not cutting grass, not blowing snow, etc.).

## SECTION III. ADJUSTMENTS

### ADJUSTING THE SEAT



#### WARNING

Do not adjust the seat when the tractor is moving. Adjusting the seat while the tractor is moving could cause the operator to lose control of the tractor.

Before starting the tractor, adjust the seat forward or rearward to the most comfortable driving position. To reposition the seat, move the seat adjustment lever (Figure 20) to the left and slide the seat forward or rearward. Release the adjustment lever when seat is comfortably positioned. Gently rock the seat forward and rearward once to be sure seat is locked in place.

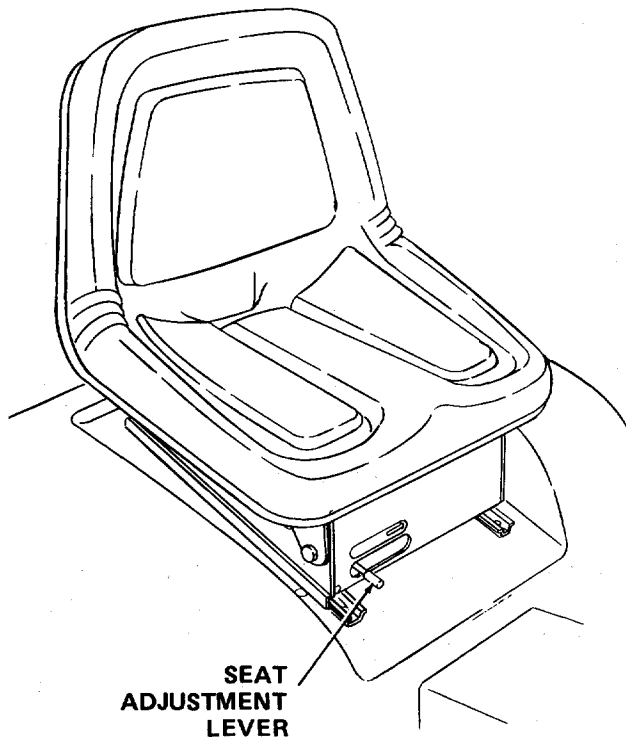


Figure 20

### ADJUSTING THE STEERING WHEEL



#### WARNING

Do not adjust the steering wheel when the tractor is moving. Adjusting the steering wheel while the tractor is moving could cause the operator to lose control of the tractor.

Before starting the tractor, adjust the steering wheel forward or rearward to the most comfortable position. To position the steering wheel, push the tilt wheel release lever down (as shown in Figure 21) and move the steering wheel forward or rearward. Release the lever when the steering wheel is comfortably positioned. Gently push the steering wheel forward and rearward once to be sure wheel is locked in place. Make sure tilt wheel release lever is all the way up as shown in Figure 22.

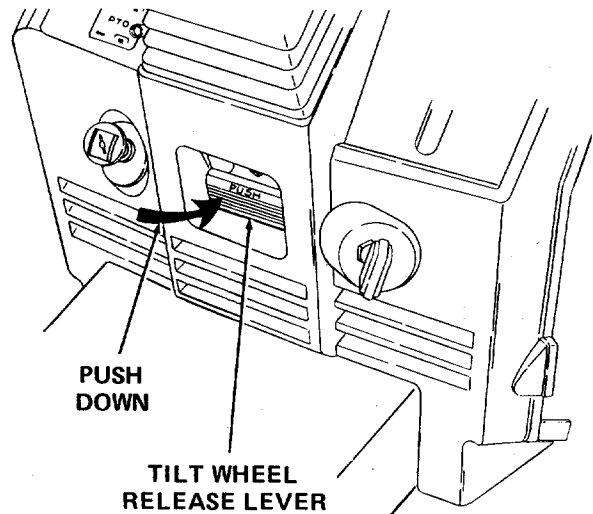


Figure 21

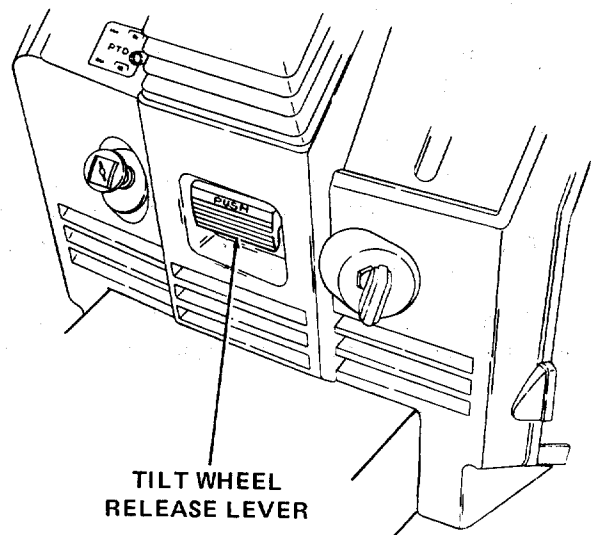


Figure 22

## ADJUSTING THE POWER TAKE-OFF CLUTCH



### WARNING

To avoid possible injury, move speed control lever into neutral, engage the brake lock and turn the ignition "OFF" before working on the machine.



### WARNING

The clutch may be hot. Allow the engine and clutch to cool before adjusting the clutch.

The clutch is factory adjusted and should not require further adjustment under normal operating conditions. However, if the clutch fails to operate properly, check as follows:

Using a feeler gauge, check the air gap. (See Figure 23.) Insert feeler gauge into one of three access slots located around the outside of the brake plate. The air gap should be .017 inch. Adjust the self-locking nuts to obtain the proper clearance. Repeat the operation in all three access slots.

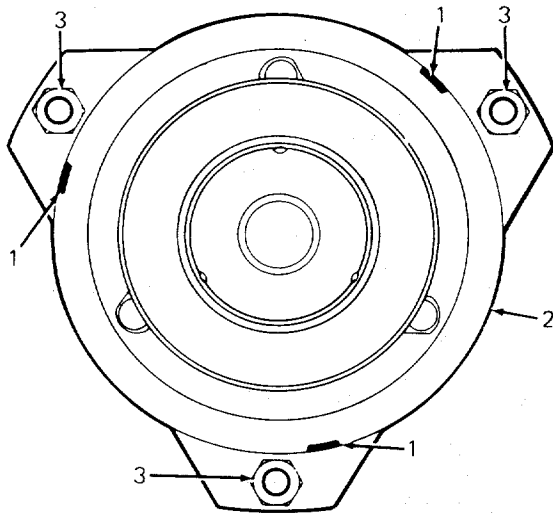


Figure 23

1. Access Slots
2. Brake Plate
3. Self-Locking Nuts

## ADJUSTING THE BRAKES

### Brake adjustment

During normal operation on this machine, the brakes are subject to wear and will require periodic examination and adjustment.

### Brake adjustment check

1. To check brake adjustment, place a 1 inch thick wood block between the brake pedal and the brake lock tab (see Figure 24).
2. With the 1 inch thick wood block installed, the brake disc pads should be applying a light amount of friction against the brake disc rotor. If they are not, the brakes need adjustment.

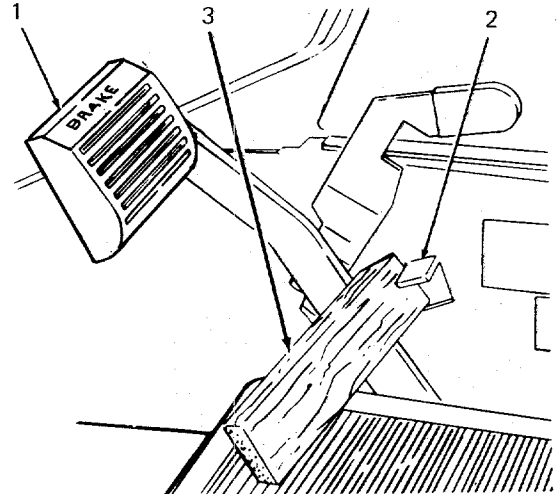
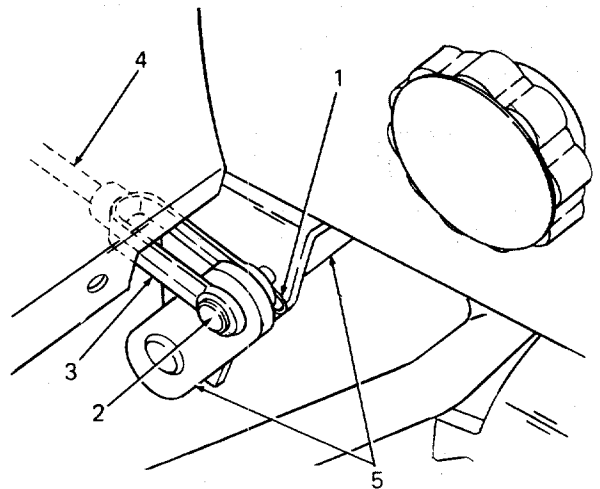


Figure 24

1. Brake Pedal
2. Brake Lock Tab
3. 1 Inch Thick Wood Block

With the brake pedal disengaged, remove the clevis pinned end of one of the brake rod assemblies from the jackshaft assembly by removing the cotter pin from the clevis pin. (See Figure 25.)



(RUNNING BOARD REMOVED FOR CLARITY)

Figure 25

- |               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Cotter Pin | 4. Brake Rod Assembly |
| 2. Clevis Pin | 5. Jackshaft Assembly |
| 3. Clevis     |                       |

Thread the clevis onto the brake rod one turn. Reconnect the clevis to the jackshaft assembly. There should be a minimum amount of clearance (no drag) between the brake pads and the rotor. If not, repeat adjustment as necessary. (See Figure 26.)



Figure 26 is shown with the wheel and fender assembly removed for clarity.

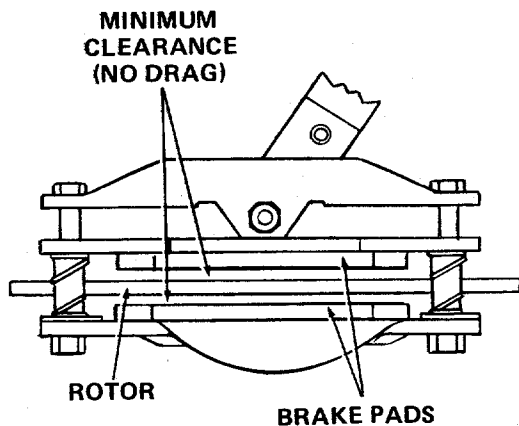


Figure 26

Repeat the adjustment on the brake rod assembly on the other side of the tractor.

Recheck brake adjustment per **Brake adjustment check** and ensure proper brake operation before operating the tractor.

### WHEEL ALIGNMENT

The front wheels should toe-in approximately 1/8 inch.

Measure the distances A and B on the front wheels. (See Figure 27.)



Dimension B should be approximately 1/8 inch less than dimension A.

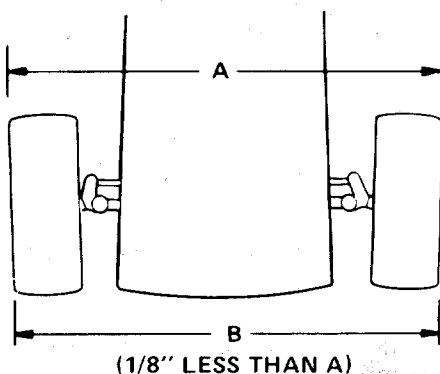


Figure 27

### FRONT WHEEL ADJUSTMENTS

To adjust the toe-in remove one ball joint, loosen the lock nut "C" at the ball joint and turn the tie rod ball joint in or out as required.

### TURNING RADIUS

The front wheels should have an equal angle for left and right turns. If adjustment is necessary, remove ball joint and loosen lock nut "D," turn the drag link ball joint clockwise or counterclockwise as required. (See Figure 28.)



### CAUTION

Be sure all parts are reassembled tight with cotter pins in place and spread.

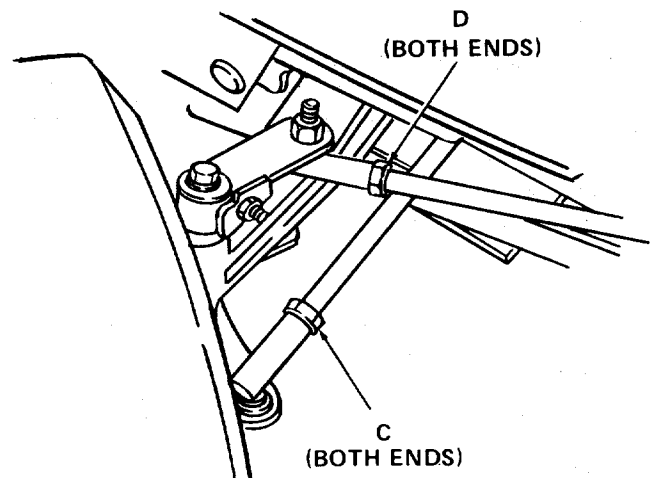


Figure 28. Tie Rod and Drag Link Ball Joints

### PIVOT BAR ADJUSTMENT BOLTS



### CAUTION

The tractor must be checked every 50 hours of tractor operation for play between the front axle and the pivot bar adjustment bolts. Both adjustment bolt heads must fit against the front axle. If play is discovered, the pivot bar adjustment bolts must be adjusted.

If play is discovered between the front axle and the pivot bar adjustment bolt heads, adjust both bolts as follows: (See Figure 29.)

1. Loosen jam nut 3 to 4 turns or as required.

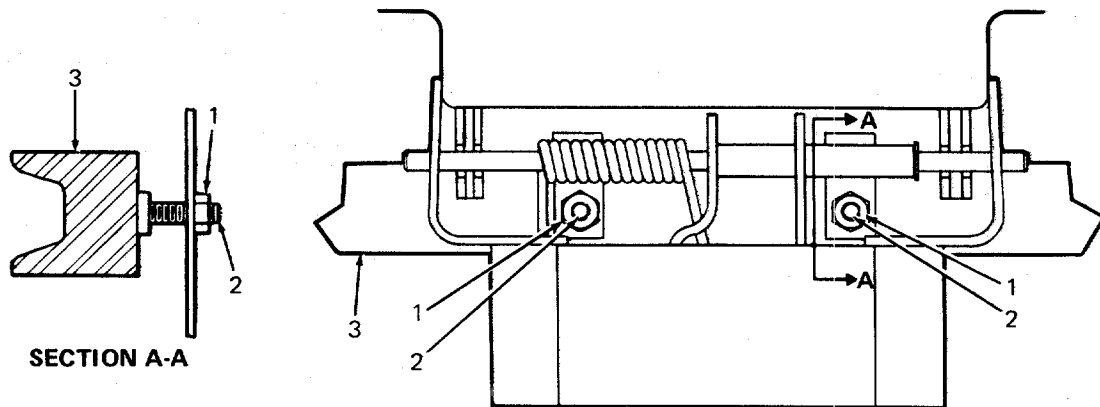


Figure 29

1. Jam Nut
2. Pivot Bar Adjustment Bolts
3. Front Axle

2. Turn pivot bar adjustment bolt counterclockwise until it hits against the front axle.
3. Tighten jam nut.
4. Repeat the above steps for the other pivot bar adjustment bolt.



Carburetor adjustments should be made only after the engine has warmed up.

This engine is equipped with an adjustable jet carburetor. (Refer to Figure 30.)

## CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS



### WARNING

If any adjustments are made to the engine while the engine is running (e.g., carburetor), disengage all clutches and blades. Keep clear of all moving parts and be careful of heated surfaces and muffler.



### WARNING

To avoid injury or an accident, engage brake lock, place speed control lever in neutral, and make sure equipment is disengaged before starting engine to make carburetor adjustments.



### WARNING

Carbon monoxide fumes can be fatal! Do not make any adjustments to the carburetor in a confined area such as a storage building. Move the tractor outside into the air.

LOW IDLE SPEED  
ADJUSTING SCREW

LOW IDLE FUEL  
ADJUSTING NEEDLE

HIGH IDLE  
ADJUSTING NEEDLE

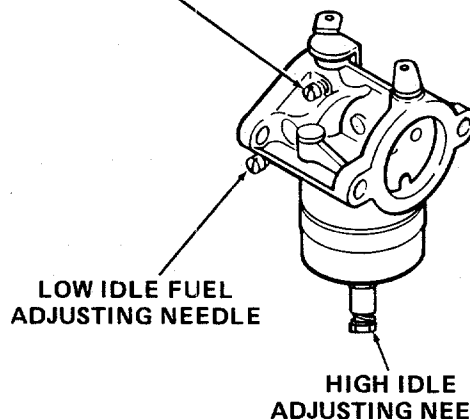


Figure 30. Adjustable Jet Carburetor

The carburetor is designed to deliver the correct fuel-to-air mixture to the engine under all operating conditions. The main fuel jet is calibrated at the factory and is adjustable. The low idle fuel adjusting needle is also set at the factory and also normally does not need adjustment.

If, however, the engine is hard-starting or runs roughly or stalls at low idle speed, it may be necessary to adjust or service the carburetor.

## Adjust carburetor

1. With the engine stopped, turn the low and high idle fuel adjusting needles **In** (clockwise) until they bottom *lightly*.

### NOTE

The tip of the low idle fuel and high idle fuel adjusting needles are tapered to critical dimensions. Damage to the needles and the seats in carburetor body will result if the needles are forced.

2. **Preliminary Settings:** Turn the adjusting needle **out** (counterclockwise) from lightly bottomed to: High Idle 1-3/4 turns; Low Idle 2-1/2 turns.
3. Start the engine and run at half throttle for five to ten minutes to warm up. The engine must be warm before making final settings.

4. **High Idle Fuel Needle Setting:** Place the throttle control into the "fast" position. If possible, place the engine under load.

Turn the high idle fuel adjusting needle **out** (counterclockwise) from the preliminary setting until the engine speed decreases (rich). Note the position of the needle.

Now turn the adjusting needle **In** (clockwise). The engine speed may increase, then it will decrease as the needle is turned in (lean). Note the position of the needle.

Set the adjusting needle **midway** between the rich and lean settings. (See to Figure 31.)

5. **Low Idle Speed Setting:** Place the throttle control into the "idle" or "slow" position. Set the idle

speed to **1200 rpm\*** ( $\pm 75$  rpm) by turning the low idle speed adjusting screw **In or out**. Check the speed using a tachometer.

### NOTE

The actual low idle speed depends on the application—refer to equipment manufacturer's recommendations. The recommended low idle speed for basic engines is 1200 rpm. To ensure best results when setting the low idle fuel needle, the low idle speed must not exceed 1500 rpm.

6. **Low Idle Fuel Needle Setting:** Place the throttle into the "idle" or "slow" position.

Turn the low idle fuel adjusting needle **out** (counterclockwise) from the preliminary setting until the engine speed decreases (rich). Note the position of the needle.

Now turn the adjusting needle **In** (clockwise). The engine speed may increase, then it will decrease as the needle is turned in (lean). Note the position of the needle.

Set the adjusting needle **midway** between the rich and lean settings. (See Figure 31.)

7. Recheck the idle speed using a tachometer. Readjust the speed as necessary.

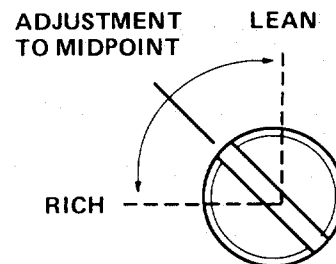


Figure 31. Optimum Fuel Setting

## SECTION IV. MAINTENANCE

### ENGINE OIL

The engine-crankcase is filled with ship-away oil. This oil may be used for the first 5 hours of engine operation at temperatures between 0° and 90°F. If temperatures are not within this range, drain the oil from the oil filter, if installed, and crankcase and replace with new oil as specified in the "LUBRICATION TABLE." The engine oil must be drained and replaced with new oil after 5 hours of engine operation and then after every 100 hours.

To aid starting, the selection of crankcase lubricating oils should be based on the lowest anticipated temperatures until the next drain period.

*Cub Cadet* Low Ash Engine Oil meeting API Service Classification SF or SG is recommended. For maximum engine life select API SF or SG oils with lowest levels of barium, calcium or magnesium additives and minimum ash content (approximately 0.5%). Lubricant suppliers will normally furnish this information on their engine oils.

Multi-viscosity numbered oils such as SAE 10W-30 or SAE 10W-40 can be used above 32°F.

Regularly check the oil level of the engine crankcase to see that it is filled to the correct level. Always keep the oil level between the "FULL" and the "LOW" marks on the dipstick. When checking the oil level, **engine must be cold**, the dipstick must be withdrawn and wiped clean, then inserted all the way and withdrawn for a true reading.



#### NOTE

Check the oil level only while the engine is stopped and tractor is level.



#### NOTE

During initial break-in period the engine oil level should be checked frequently.

### FILLING THE CRANKCASE

To fill the crankcase with oil, place the tractor on a level surface. Clean the area around the oil fill tube and dipstick to prevent debris from entering the crankcase. Remove the oil fill cap and slowly pour 4 pints of oil into the crankcase. Replace the oil fill cap. When checking the oil level, push the dipstick

assembly firmly but slowly until cap bottoms on tube. **DO NOT OVERFILL.** Dipstick assembly **MUST BE PUSHED FULLY INTO TUBE AT ALL TIMES WHEN ENGINE IS OPERATING.**



#### NOTE

Never overfill the engine crankcase. Engine may overheat and/or damage may result if the crankcase is below the "LOW" mark or over the "FULL" mark.

### OIL CHANGE PROCEDURE



#### NOTE

The engine oil should be changed after the first 5 hours of operation. Then oil should be changed after every 100 hours of operation.

Refer to the **MAINTENANCE CHART** and the **LUBRICATION TABLE** for information regarding the frequency of oil change and the quantity and type of oil needed. While the engine oil is warm, proceed as follows:

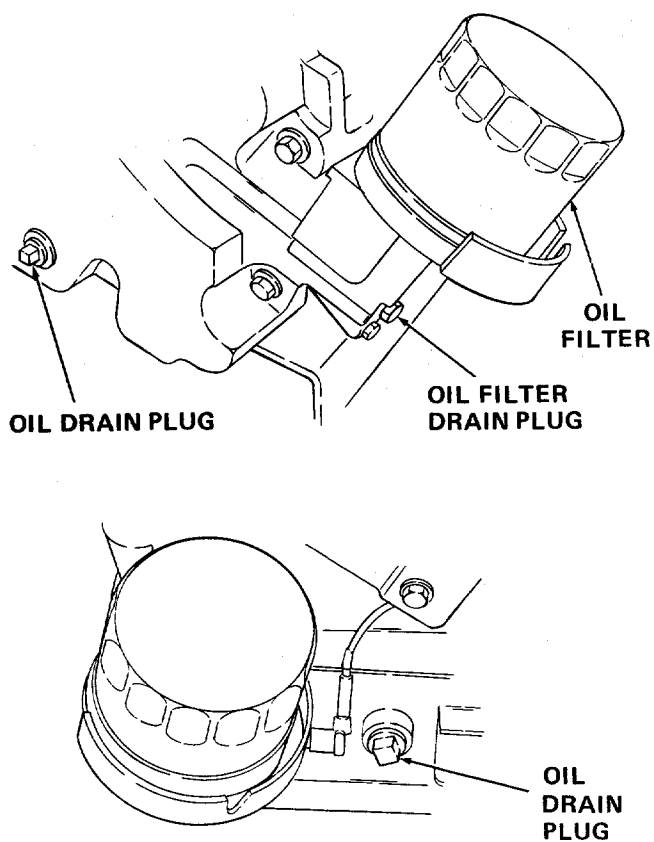
The oil filter is available from your *Cub Cadet* dealer as Part Number KH-12-050-01.



#### WARNING

Oil may be hot. Use care to avoid burns from hot oil.

1. Place the tractor on a level surface and engage brake lock. Remove the drain plug and collect the old oil in an adequate container. (Refer to Figure 32.)
2. Remove the oil filter by turning it counterclockwise.
3. Apply a light coat of oil to rubber seal on oil filter. Install filter turning it clockwise. Filter should be snug plus 1/2 turn.
4. Replace the drain plug.
5. Refer to "FILLING THE CRANKCASE" and "LUBRICATION GUIDE" and refill the crankcase.



**Figure 32. Oil Drain Plugs, Oil Filter and Oil Filter Drain Plug**

#### **FILLING THE CRANKCASE**

The oil capacity is 4 pints. To fill the crankcase, proceed as follows.



Never overfill the engine crankcase. Engine may overheat and/or damage may result if the crankcase is below the "LOW" mark or over the "FULL" mark. For oil capacity refer to the **SPECIFICATIONS** and **LUBRICATION TABLE** sections.

1. Clean the area around the oil fill tube and oil fill cap/dipstick to prevent debris from entering the crankcase.
2. Remove oil fill cap/dipstick. **POUR SLOWLY**, and fill to the full mark on the dipstick.

3. Reinstall oil fill cap/dipstick tightening securely into tube.



#### **CAUTION**

Oil fill cap/dipstick **MUST BE TIGHTENED SECURELY INTO TUBE AT ALL TIMES WHEN ENGINE IS OPERATING.**

#### **SERVICE PRECLEANER AND AIR CLEANER ELEMENT**

Check the air cleaner daily or before starting the engine. Check for and remove any heavy buildup of dirt and debris, and loose or damaged components.



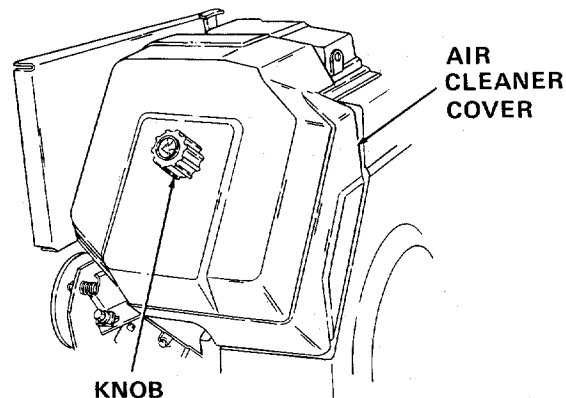
#### **NOTE**

Operating the engine with loose or damaged air cleaner components could allow unfiltered air into the engine causing premature wear and failure.

#### **Service Precleaner**

Wash and recoil the precleaner every 30 hours of operation (more often under extremely dusty or dirty conditions).

1. Remove the air cleaner cover retaining knob, air cleaner cover and paper element with precleaner. (See Figure 33.)



**Figure 33. Air Cleaner Housing Components**



2. Remove the precleaner from the paper element. (See Figure 34.)
3. Wash the precleaner in warm water with detergent. Rinse the precleaner thoroughly until all traces of detergent are eliminated. Squeeze out excess water (do not wring). Allow the precleaner to air dry.
4. Saturate the precleaner with new engine oil. Squeeze out all excess oil.
5. Reinstall the precleaner over the paper element.
6. Reinstall the paper element with precleaner, air cleaner cover and air cleaner cover retaining knob. Make sure the knob is tightened securely.

### Service Paper Element

Every 100 hours of operation (more often under extremely dusty or dirty conditions), check the paper element. Clean or replace the element as necessary.

1. Remove the precleaner from the paper element.
2. Gently tap the flat side of the paper element to dislodge dirt. Do not wash the paper element or use pressurized air, as this will damage the element. Replace a dirty, bent or damaged element. Handle new elements carefully; do not use if the sealing surfaces are bent or damaged.
3. When servicing the air cleaner, check the air cleaner base. Make sure it is secured and not bent or damaged. Also check the air cleaner cover for damage or improper fit. Replace all damaged air cleaner components.
4. Reinstall the paper element, precleaner, air cleaner cover and air cleaner cover retaining knob. Make sure the knob is tightened securely.

Properly cleaned and installed air cleaner elements significantly contribute to prolonged engine life.

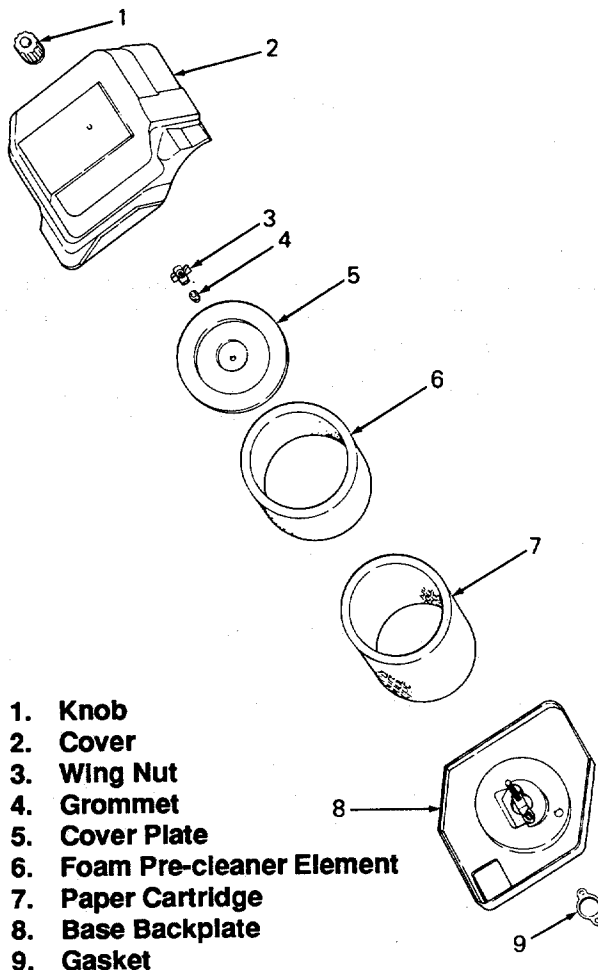


Figure 34. Air Cleaner Elements

### CLEANING ENGINE

This tractor has an air-cooled engine. Air must be able to circulate freely around the engine, through the screen, shroud and over the fins of the cylinder head and cylinder block. Keep these areas free of accumulated dirt and trash or engine will overheat and result in damaged moving parts.

### SPARK PLUG



### WARNING

To avoid possible injury, be sure engine is off and cool before making any adjustment or repairs.



### NOTE

Remove all dirt from around the spark plug before removing.

To remove spark plug, always use a spark plug wrench. Check gap after every 100 hours of operation.

Replace a defective plug with a new plug. Set gap at .040 inch. (See Figure 35.) Tighten plug to 28-32 ft-lbs. See your authorized dealer for the correct replacement plug.

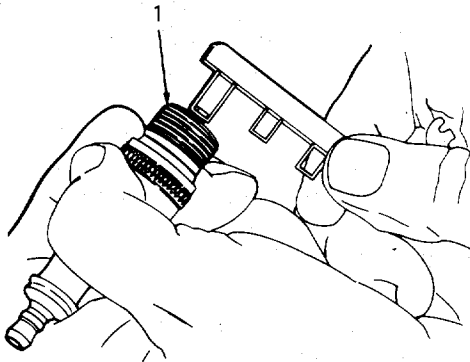


Figure 35

#### 1. Spark Plug

#### FUEL FILTER



#### WARNING

Do not change the fuel filter when engine is hot.

The engine is equipped with an inline fuel filter. Visually inspect the filter periodically, and replace when dirty.

#### LIGHTS

Refer to "SPECIFICATIONS" when replacement of head lamp bulb or taillight bulb is necessary.



#### WARNING

Do not change head lamp bulbs when hot or when engine is hot.



#### CAUTION

Do not touch glass portion of head lamp bulb. Touching glass portion will reduce life of head lamp bulb.

To replace a head lamp bulb, refer to Figure 36 and remove the socket from the grille by rotating socket 1/4 turn. Pull old bulb assembly from socket and insert new bulb assembly. Place socket into grille and turn to lock in place.

To replace a taillight bulb, remove socket from the back of the taillight by rotating socket 1/4 turn. Remove old bulb from socket and install new bulb. Replace socket into taillight and turn to lock in place.

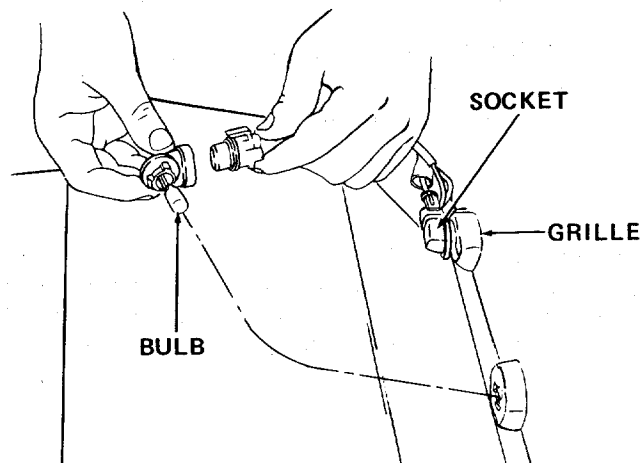


Figure 36

#### FUSE

Always use the same capacity fuse for replacement. Refer to "SPECIFICATIONS." If electrical system malfunctions, check the fuse.

To replace a new fuse, pull the old fuse from the fuse housing and install a new fuse. (Refer to Figure 9.)

#### BATTERY INFORMATION



#### WARNING

- A. Battery acid must be handled with great care as contact with it can burn and blister the skin. It is also advisable to wear protective clothing (goggles, rubber gloves and apron) when working with it.\*
- B. Should battery acid accidentally splatter into the eyes or onto the face, rinse the affected area immediately with clean cold water. If there is any further discomfort, seek prompt medical attention.

- C. If acid spills on clothing, first dilute it with clean water, then neutralize with a solution of ammonia/water or baking soda/water.
- D. Since battery acid is corrosive, do not pour it into any sink or drain. Before discarding empty electrolyte containers, rinse them with a neutralizing solution.
- E. NEVER connect or disconnect charger clips to battery while charger is turned on as it can cause sparks.
- F. Keep all lighted materials (cigarettes, matches, lighters) away from the battery as the hydrogen gas generated during charging can be combustible.
- G. As a further precaution, only charge the battery in a well-ventilated area.

**\*Always shield eyes and protect skin and clothing when working near batteries.**



### **DANGER**

**BATTERIES CONTAIN SULFURIC ACID AND MAY CONTAIN EXPLOSIVE GASES (when electrolyte has been added).**

**KEEP BATTERIES OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.**

### **MAINTENANCE OF BATTERY**

1. Check electrolyte level periodically (at least every two weeks). Keep the level to the split rings. Use only distilled water or a good quality drinking water. Never add acid or any other chemicals to the battery after initial activation.
2. The battery should be checked with a hydrometer after every 25 hours of operation. If the specific gravity is less than 1.225, the battery should be recharged. Maximum charge rate is 5 amps.
3. Coat the terminals and exposed wire with a thin coat of grease or petroleum jelly for longer service and protection against corrosion.
4. The battery should be kept clean. Any deposits of acid should be neutralized with baking soda and water. Be careful not to get this solution in the cells.
5. Avoid tipping the battery. Even a "sealed" battery will leak electrolyte when tipped.

### **STORAGE OF THE BATTERY**

1. When storing battery for extended periods, disconnect battery cables. Removing battery from unit is recommended.
2. Keep the exterior of the battery clean, especially the top. A dirty battery must be stored with a full charge. A dirty battery will discharge itself.
3. Check the battery with a hydrometer. The battery must be stored with a full charge. A discharged battery will freeze.

#### **Specific Gravity**

1.265  
1.250  
1.200  
1.150  
1.100

#### **Freezing Point**

-71°F  
-62°F  
-16°F  
5°F  
16°F



### **NOTE**

All batteries discharge during storage.

4. Recharge battery whenever the specific gravity is less than 1.225, before returning to service or every two months, whichever comes first.

### **COMMON CAUSES FOR BATTERY FAILURE**

1. Overcharging
2. Undercharging
3. Lack of water
4. Loose hold downs and/or corroded connections
5. Excessive loads
6. Battery electrolyte substitutes
7. Freezing of electrolyte



### **NOTE**

These failures do not constitute warranty.

### **BATTERY REMOVAL OR INSTALLATION**



### **WARNING**

When removing the battery, follow this order of disassembly to prevent your wrench from shorting against the frame.

#### Battery removal:

1. Remove the Negative cable.
2. Remove the Positive cable.

#### Battery installation:

1. Attach the Positive cable.
2. Attach the Negative cable.

#### JUMP STARTING



#### WARNING

Failure to use this starting procedure could cause sparking, and the gases in either battery could explode.

1. Attach the first jumper cable from the positive terminal of the good battery to the positive terminal of the dead battery.
2. Attach the second jumper cable from the negative terminal of the good battery to the FRAME OF THE UNIT WITH THE DEAD BATTERY.

#### TIRES

Keep the pneumatic tires properly inflated. Overinflation will cause operator discomfort. Underinflation will cause short tire life.

Inflate the front and rear tires for normal or heavy load operations as shown in the following table:

Tire Size	Pounds per Square Inch
Front Tires	
16 x 6.50-8	12
Rear Tires	
23 x 10.50-12	10

Always see that the tire valve caps are in place and tightened securely to prevent loss of air and protect the valve core and stem.

Do not overload the tractor tires by mounting equipment on the tractor which exceeds the load capacity of the size of the tires on the tractor.

#### MOUNTING TIRES ON THE RIM

After mounting a new or old tire on the rim, inflate it to 20 pounds pressure to seat the tire bead on the rim flange. Then deflate the tire to the correct operating pressure.



#### NOTE

After the first 10 hours of operation, check and retorque the wheel lug nuts (both sides) to 35 ft-lbs. to make sure they have seated properly.

## SECTION V. OFF-SEASON STORAGE

If the machine is to be inoperative for a period longer than 30 days, the following procedures are recommended:



### WARNING

Never store engine with fuel in tank indoors or in poorly ventilated enclosures, where fuel fumes may reach an open flame, spark or pilot light as on a furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, etc.

1. Remove all gasoline from fuel tank to prevent gum deposits from forming on these parts and causing possible malfunction of engine.

Run engine until engine starts to falter, then use choke to continue engine operation until all fuel in tank and carburetor is exhausted. Remove fuel line at tank or carburetor and drain any remaining gasoline from system.



### WARNING

Drain fuel into approved container outdoors, away from open flame.

Fuel left in engine during warm weather deteriorates and will cause serious starting problems.

2. Remove spark plug and pour one (1) ounce of engine oil through spark plug hole into cylinder. Crank engine several times to distribute oil. Replace spark plug.
3. Clean the engine and the entire tractor thoroughly.
4. Lubricate all lubrication points.
5. Follow battery storage instructions on page 27.
6. Protect tires and seat from sunlight. Inflate tires at regular intervals.

## SECTION VI. MOWING

### MOWING



#### WARNING

To avoid possible injury, do not allow anyone in the area opposite the discharge chute while mowing. Although the area has been supposedly cleared of foreign objects, small objects may be discharged by the mower.



#### WARNING

Never direct discharge of material toward bystanders or allow anyone near the machine while in operation.

For best results it is recommended that the first two laps should be cut with the discharge thrown towards the center. After the first two laps, reverse the direction to throw the discharge to the outside for the balance of cutting. This will give a better appearance to the lawn.

Do not cut the grass too short, as the mower will tend to scalp the grass. Short grass invites weed growth and yellows quickly in dry weather.

Mowing should be done with the engine at full throttle. Do not mow at high ground speed.

During certain times of the year and under some conditions, the mower may leave streaks of uncut material.

Streaking may occur when attempting to mow heavy weeds and tall grass. Under these conditions it may be necessary to go back over the cut area a second time to get a clean cut.

The following practices will help eliminate streaking:

1. Mow the area more often so the grass doesn't get too tall and heavy.
2. Operate the tractor at full throttle and lower forward speeds.
3. Keep the blades sharp and replace blades when worn.
4. Follow the mowing procedure shown in Figure 37.

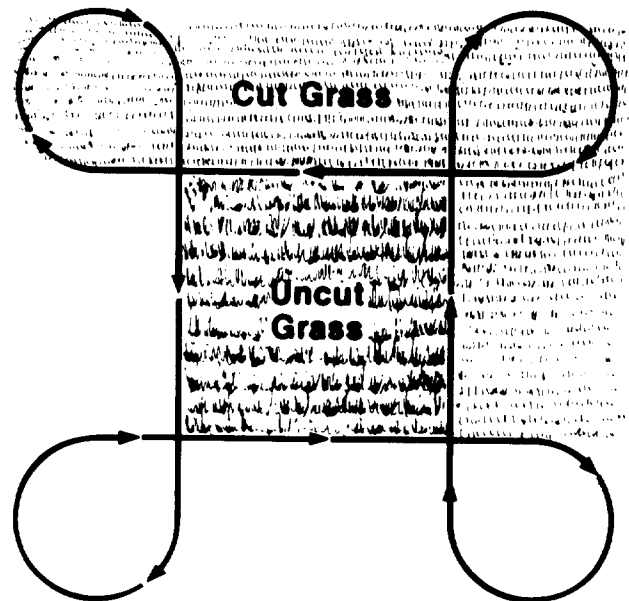


Figure 37

## OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

When you purchased your tractor, you probably had it completely equipped for your particular needs at the time. However, later you may wish to obtain optional equipment or accessories. These items and other allied equipment can be purchased from, and installed by, your authorized dealer.

The tractor is used for so many different types of work, and because it is called on to operate under so many different conditions, a variety of equipment is available to adapt it to the requirements of the user. Refer to equipment catalog.

## MAINTENANCE CHART

Operation to be performed	Before each use	10 hours or once a month	30 hours three times a season	50 hours or twice a season	100 hours or yearly	Before storage
Clean grille insert, engine inlet air screen & side panels		More often under dirty conditions				
Check engine oil level	X					
Fill fuel tank	X					
Change engine oil & oil filter	After first 5 hours				More often under dirty conditions	
Check transmission oil level	X					
Replace transmission oil & filter		After first 10 hours X		After first 50 hours X	Every 100 hours there-after	
Reoil & clean foam air precleaner			More often under dirty conditions			
Check battery electrolyte level		X				
Grease front axle pivot bolt		X				
Lubricate steering knuckles (2) & steering arm		X				
Retorque rear wheel lug nuts		After first 10 hours				
Lubricate brake shaft			X			
Clean cooling fins & external surfaces			X			
Service air cleaner paper cartridge					More often under dirty conditions	
Check spark plugs					X	X
Grease front wheel bearings			X			X
Drain fuel						X
Pivot bar adjustment bolts				X		

### **NOTE**

Maintenance information for optional equipment may be found in the manual which is included with the specific piece of optional equipment.



# TROUBLE SHOOTING

### Possible Cause

### Possible Remedy

### HARD TO START

No gasoline in fuel tank or carburetor .....	Fill the tank with gasoline; open the fuel shut-off valves. Check the fuel line, carburetor and fuel filter.
Fuel line or carburetor clogged .....	Clean the fuel line and carburetor with commercial carburetor cleaner.
Fuel filter plugged .....	Replace.
Water in gasoline .....	Drain the fuel tank and carburetor. Use new fuel and dry the spark plug.
Choked improperly. Flooded engine .....	Follow the starting instructions.
Defective ignition or loose wiring .....	Check the wiring, spark plug or fuse.
Defective battery .....	Check and service. Refer to "BATTERY."
Spark plug dirty or improper gap .....	Clean, adjust the gap to .040-inch or replace the plug.

### ENGINE OPERATES IRREGULARLY OR KNOCKS

Engine incorrectly timed .....	*
Spark plug dirty; wrong gap or wrong type .....	Clean, reset the gap or replace.
Poor or weak spark .....	Check the spark plug and wiring.*
Carburetor setting incorrect .....	Adjust. Refer to "ADJUSTMENTS."*
Poor grade fuel or water in fuel .....	Drain and use a good grade of clean fuel.
Engine overheating .....	Refer to "MAINTENANCE."
Engine valves at fault .....	*
Engine smokes .....	Adjust the carburetor.*
Oil level rises due to gasoline in crankcase .....	Refer to "OPERATING IN COLD WEATHER."
Air filter becomes oil and fuel soaked .....	Refer to "OPERATING IN COLD WEATHER."
Engine leaks oil .....	Refer to "OPERATING IN COLD WEATHER."
Misfiring .....	Refer to "OPERATING IN COLD WEATHER."
Other engine problems .....	*
Excessive oil in air cleaner .....	Be sure that oil dipstick is fully seated and all excess oil is squeezed out of precleaner foam element.

\*See your authorized dealer.

# TROUBLE SHOOTING

## Possible Cause

## Possible Remedy

### LACK OF POWER

Air cleaner clogged .....	Service the air cleaner element. Refer to "MAINTENANCE."
Engine overload .....	Reduce the load.
Engine overheated .....	Make sure air intake screen, shrouding, engine fins, side panels and grille insert are free of accumulated dirt and trash. Refer to "MAINTENANCE."
Poor fuel, too rich or too lean a mixture .....	Refer to "ADJUSTMENTS."
Fuel tank air vent clogged .....	Open the vent in the cap.
Air leakage between carburetor and engine .....	Remove air cleaner. Tighten the carburetor and manifold mounting nuts. Replace as indicated in "MAINTENANCE."
Incorrect timing or faulty ignition .....	*
Brake drags .....	Adjust the brake. Refer to "ADJUSTMENTS."

### ENGINE OVERHEATING

Insufficient cool air, dirty air intake screen, shroud, cooling fins, side panels or grille insert .....	Keep the air intake area, side panels, grille insert and cooling fins clean; refer to "MAINTENANCE."
Lean carburetor adjustment .....	Readjust. Refer to "ADJUSTMENTS."
Oil level incorrect .....	Engine oil level must not be over the "FULL" mark or below the "LOW" mark. Refer to "MAINTENANCE."

\*See your authorized dealer.

## LUBRICATION TABLE

Point of Lubrication	Check at Hours	Change at Hours	Capacity	Anticipated Air Temperature		
				Above +60°F	+32°F to 0°F	Below 0°F
Engine crankcase	Check before each use	5 hours then every 100 hours	4 pints	<i>Cub Cadet</i> Low Ash Engine Oil SAE 30	<i>Cub Cadet</i> Low Ash Oil SAE 10W-40 or 10W-30	<i>Cub Cadet</i> Low Ash Engine Oil SAE 5W-20 or 5W-30
Hydro-drive unit mounted on transmission case with filter	Check before each use	Add as needed	Approx. 14 pints	<i>Cub Cadet</i> Hydraulic Transmission Fluid <b>NOTE:</b> <i>Cub Cadet</i> hydraulic transmission fluid meets IH B-6 specifications. If fluid is used that does not meet these requirements, <i>Cub Cadet</i> will not be responsible for substandard performance. Failures due to use of improper fluid are not covered by warranty. For maximum protection, use <i>Cub Cadet</i> Hydraulic Transmission Fluid.		
Steering knuckles & front axle pivot bolt	10			Use 251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease and apply two or three strokes or sufficient grease to flush out old grease and dirt.		
Front wheel bearings	30			Two or three strokes minimum of the lubricator using 251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease.		
Steering gear housing	100	or yearly	1/4 lb	Two strokes of the lubricator using 251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease.		
Alignment couplings				251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease.		

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### WARNING

The life of any machine depends upon the care it is given. Proper lubrication is a very important part of that care.

Be certain that all lubrication fittings are assembled in place, using the lubrication illustrations as a guide.

Always lubricate the tractor thoroughly before taking it to the field. Use a pressure lubricating gun.

Be sure all fittings are free from dirt and paint so the lubricant is certain to enter the bearing.

Always force the lubricant through the full length of each bearing until it emerges at the end, carrying with it the worn lubricant and any dirt that may have entered the bearing.

Miscellaneous working parts not provided with lubrication fittings should be oiled daily with a good grade of lubricating oil.

Lubricant is cheap. Use plenty of it. Worn parts can be expensive to replace.

Keep your supply of lubricating oil and grease stored in clean containers, and covered to protect from dust and dirt.

Keep the lubricating gun nozzle clean and wipe dirt from grease fittings before lubricating.

The symbols in the illustration indicate the method of application and the hourly intervals to apply the lubricant.



Use a pressure lubricating gun and apply 251H EP grease (or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease) sufficient to flush out the old grease and dirt. Lubricate at hourly intervals indicated on symbols.



Dipstick, use to check engine oil before each use.

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## —Before Each Use

1. Engine filler cap and dipstick

Check the oil (with the engine stopped) and add sufficient new oil to bring it to the "FULL" mark on the dipstick. Do not overfill. Do not operate the engine if the oil level is below the "LOW" mark on the dipstick.

## —After Every 10 Hours of Operation

2. Steering knuckles (2)  
(Both sides)
3. Transmission oil filter

Use 251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease and apply sufficient grease to flush out old grease and dirt.

**NOTE:** After the first 10 hours only, remove the transmission oil filter and replace with a new filter. Refer to "MAINTENANCE." Change the transmission oil filter after 50 hours and every 100 hours of operation thereafter.

4. Front axle pivot bolt  
(Right side)

Use 251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease and apply sufficient grease to flush out old grease and dirt.

**NOTE:** It may be necessary to rotate the front axle to reach the grease fitting.

## —After Every 30 Hours of Operation

5. Transmission oil level and fill tube

Check the oil with the engine stopped. Keep the lubricant up to "FULL" mark on dipstick.

**NOTE:** Transmission oil level and fill tube also services the following:

1. Hydrostatic transmission
2. Rear axle

6. Front wheel bearings

Two or three strokes minimum of the lubricator using 251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease.

## —After Every 100 Hours of Operation

7. Engine oil drain plug and oil filter

While the engine oil is warm, remove the drain plug and oil filter, and drain all of the oil from the crankcase and oil filter lines. Replace the drain plug. Refer to "MAINTENANCE," "FILLING THE CRANKCASE" & "OIL FILTER" for proper oil filling procedure. Refer to "LUBRICATION TABLE" for the proper quantity and viscosity to use.

8. Transmission oil filter

**NOTE:** After the first 50 hours only, remove the transmission oil filter and replace with a new filter. Refer to "MAINTENANCE." Change the transmission oil filter every 100 hours of operation thereafter.

9. Transmission oil filter

Change the transmission oil filter and replace with a new filter. Refer to "MAINTENANCE."

## Speed Control Linkage

10. Cam plates

Once a year, apply a small amount of 251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease in the slots.

11. Steering gear housing

Every 100 hours of yearly use 251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease. Apply two strokes with lubricator.

## Miscellaneous

- Brake pedal shaft  
Alignment couplings

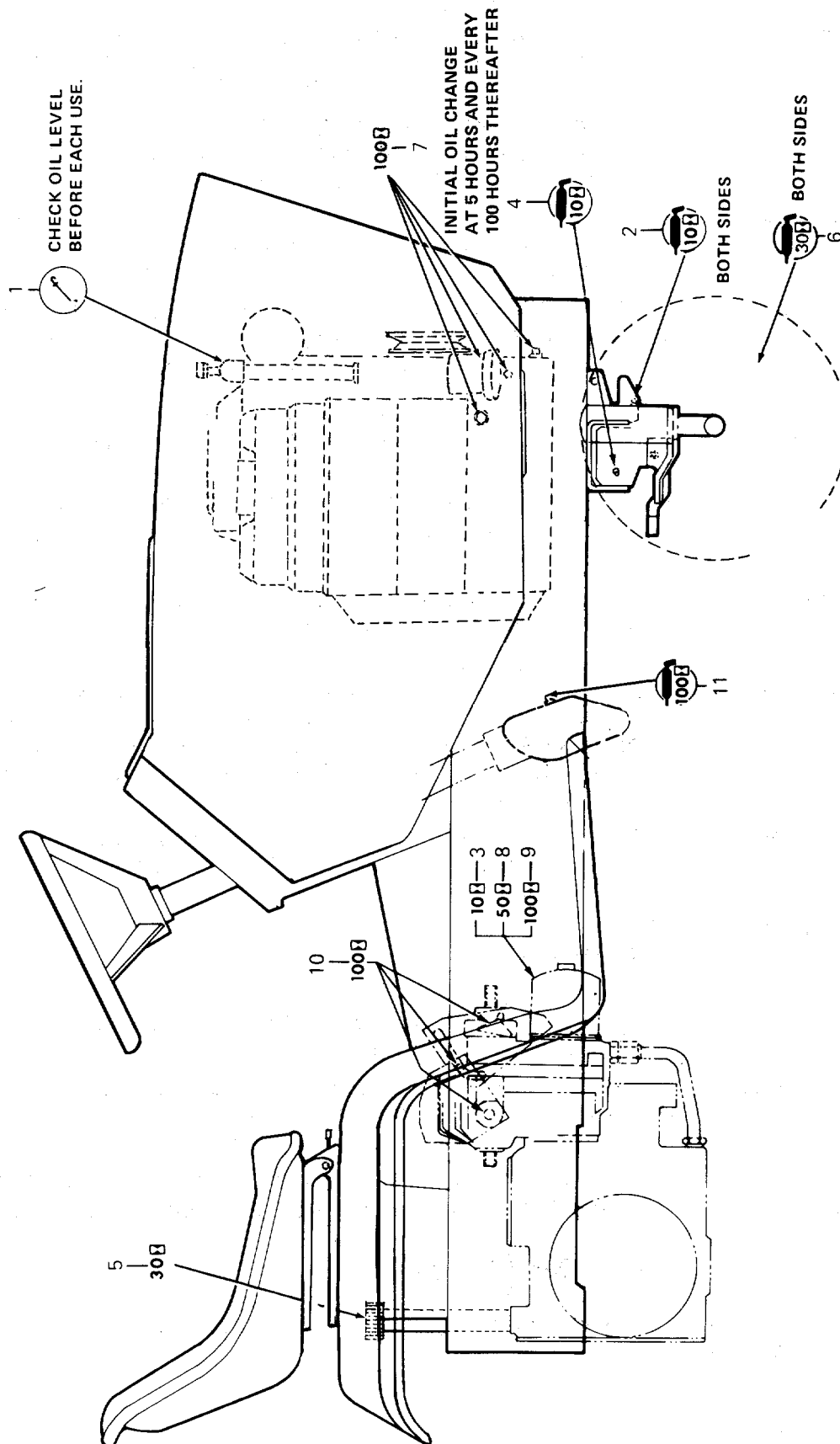
Lubricate the brake pedal shaft and linkage with eight or ten drops of engine oil.  
Use 251H EP grease or equivalent No. 2 multi-purpose lithium grease.



## NOTE

Lubrication information for optional equipment may be found in the manual which is included with the specific piece of optional equipment.

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## SPECIFICATIONS

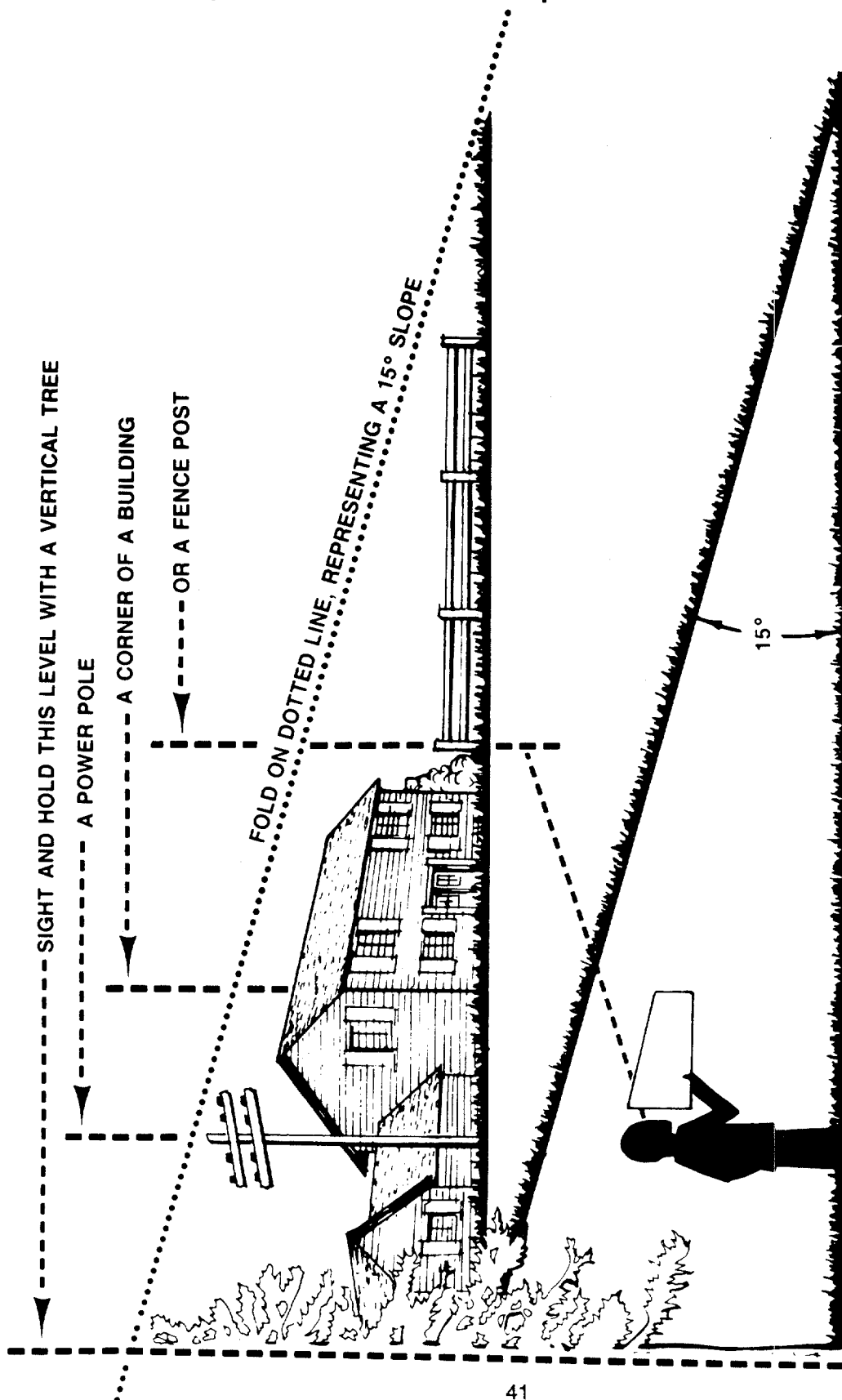
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<b>CAPACITIES</b>	
Fuel tank .....	5 gallons
Crankcase .....	4 pints
Transmission case with hydro-drive unit mounted .....	7 qts.
Steering gear housing .....	1/4 lbs.
<b>HYDROSTATIC DRIVE</b>	
Speed: Forward .....	0 to 7.5 mph
Reverse .....	0 to 4 mph
<b>ENGINE</b>	
Make and model .....	Kohler
(electric starting) .....	12.5 HP
Cylinders .....	1
Bore .....	3.43 in.
Stroke .....	2.64 in.
Displacement (cubic inches) .....	24.29
Engine speed (governed)	
Low speed .....	1800 RPM
High idle speed (no load) .....	3400 RPM $\pm$ 75
Ignition .....	Battery
Spark plug gap ( <i>Cub Cadet</i> No. 759-3334) .....	.040 in. gap
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM</b>	
System voltage .....	12 volt neg. ground
Battery .....	725-3174
Alternator .....	15 amp regulated
Fuse (auto type) .....	20 amp
Head lamp bulb .....	725-3161
Taillight .....	Lamp No. 194
<b>BRAKES</b> .....	Dual disc, external
<b>TIRE SIZES</b>	
Front .....	16 x 6.50-8
Rear .....	23 x 10.50-12
<b>DIMENSIONS</b>	
Tread:	
Front with 16 x 6.50-8 tires .....	29.00 in.
Rear with 23 x 10.50-12 tires .....	27.00 in.
Wheelbase .....	45.5 in.
Length, overall .....	72.00 in.
Width, overall .....	37.75 in.
Height, overall (to top of steering wheel) .....	44.00 in.
Ground clearance .....	6.00 in.
Turning radius .....	25.0 in.

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

USE THIS SHEET AS A GUIDE TO DETERMINE SLOPES WHERE YOU MAY NOT OPERATE SAFELY.

# SLOPE GAUGE

(Keep this sheet in a safe place for future reference.)



Do not mow on inclines with a slope in excess of 15 degrees (a rise of approximately 2½ feet every 10 feet). A riding mower could overturn and cause serious injury. If operating a walk-behind mower on such a slope, it is extremely difficult to maintain your footing and you could slip, resulting in serious injury.

Operate RIDING mowers up and down slopes, never across the face of slopes.

Operate WALK-BEHIND mowers across the face of slopes, never up and down slopes.